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Officials Seek Home for Four Little Girls Minus Mother's Care

Father of Winsome Quartet Man of Goodly Repute but Unable to Care for Them; Sister of Sheriff Assumes Temporary Charge; Orphans' Home is Overcrowded.

Who wants to care for four beautiful, winsome, brighteyed little girls, sisters, ranging in age from nine to fourteen years, whose mother is dead and whose father, a good man in every way, is so peculiarly situated by reason of his occupation that he cannot look after them?

To this question Judge Bouton, District Attorney Potter and Sheriff Robinson would like to have some one make answer, failing in which they will be compelled make provision for as sweet a bunch of little ones as ever graced a home.

The little girls in question are the daughters of William MacKenzie of Hazelhurst, who since the death of their mother, has striven with might and main to keep them together. But his employment is during peculiar hours and his means are entirely too limited to permit the employment of a house keeper.

Efforts to place the children in the orphans' home at Bradford proved fruitless for the reason that that institution is overcrowded. When this fact was made known, however, Mrs. Pogson, sister of the sheriff and matron of the county jail, animated by motherly impulses, agreed to care for the little folks until such time as some good family would take them or the orphans' home was relieved of its congestion. To this end Mrs. Pogson has fitted up two rooms in the sheriff's residence and reserved places at the family table for her little charges; also she has perfected every arrangement for their attendance at school.

It is the intention of the officers named to keep close watch over the little girls even after they have been released from their care. The home that is opened to them must be a good one, otherwise the children will remain wards of the county. While it is their fond hope that some family will take all four of them, separation of the sisters will meet with no objection provided they are permitted to visit each other at frequent intervals.

The little girls were due to arrive at the sheriff's residence Wednesday evening there to meet their new mother in the person of Mrs. Pogson. That the good woman will welcome them as only a mother can and do her best to care for them, there is no doubt.

For their future in the welfare of the children Judge Bouton, District Attorney Potter, Sheriff Robinson and Mrs. Pogson are to be highly commended. That they may succeed in their efforts to find a good home for them, is the hope of everyone conversant with the situation.

THIEVING DEVILS LOOT CAR WHILE RESCUERS RENDER TIMELY AID

Word from Mt. Jewett is to the effect that several unprincipled hounds who have escaped hanging to date, robbed the Bemus car, the overturning of which on last Friday night caused the death of Miss Danielson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Danielson, of Mt. Jewett. The pilfering took place after the car was jacked up so that the body of the victim could be removed and also to release Olga Johnson and George Olson, both of whom were injured and pinned in the wreckage.

The report says that the dead girl's purse and glasses were taken as well as small articles belonging to the other occupants. It was necessary to leave the car at the roadside for several hours and it is alleged that a considerable crowd collected after the body was taken away and the injured taken to the Bradford hospital and it was during this interval that the robbery occurred.

DEATH OF LOCAL BABE WHO SWALLOWED NEEDLES SURPRISED THE DOCTORS

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. Dominic Franko of the West end, who swallowed a number of needles last week, died at the Bradford hospital Monday morning just when the surgeons who had located the needles by means of the X-ray, were preparing to operate for their removal. To all appearances the babe was resting comfortably and was considered in excellent condition for the operation. To the surprise of the doctors, however, the little one was dead when they sought to convey it to the operating room.

FINDS SNAKE IN WINTER.

Harry Buchanan of Bradford picked up a spotted adder on the road near Foster Brook Friday afternoon. The snake was crawling across the road at the time and seemed almost lifeless on account of the cold weather. Buchanan brought the reptile to Bradford where it now reposes in a box at the East Bradford fire station.

McKEAN GRANGE VOTES $400 TO FURNISH ROOM FOR POTATO HOSPITAL.

At the meeting of Pomona Grange of McKean county, Wednesday, December 6, it was decided that during the next three years the Granges of the county will subscribe the sum of $400 toward furnishing and maintaining a room in Potato hospital, State College.

It will be recalled that at the June meeting of Pomona Grange held at Bell's Run, the organization established a record as being the first to subscribe to a fund of $150,000 to build the hospital. The The Grange certainly is "keeping up its clip."

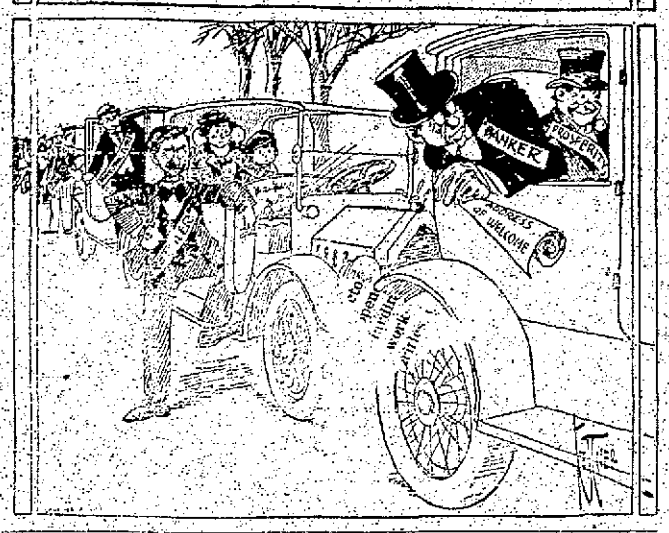
By the vote of Pomona Granges of Tioga and Warren counties each member will subscribe the sum of one dollar during the next three years toward the welfare campaign of State College. This means a sum approximating $5,000.

SALAMANCA TEACHER SUCCEEDS MISS KANE.

Mrs. Gertrude Brown of Salamanca, N. Y., has been engaged as teacher of the eighth grade of the borough schools to fill out the unexpired term of Miss Marie Kane, who resigned. Mrs. Brown formerly had charge of the eighth grade at Derrick City and at Salamanca, and at one time was principal of the Limestone school. School authorities say she is a very efficient teacher.

The man who has "a mind of his own" and persists in saying that he has, seldom travels farther than first base.

Now, What's the Delay?



Mrs. E. A. Studholme Summoned by Death Late Wednesday Night

Mrs. E. A. Studholme is dead.

Such was the sad news received in Smethport from Lakeside hospital, Cleveland, Ohio, about 9:20 o'clock Wednesday night. The telegram contained the information that Mrs. Studholme succumbed to death at 9:10 o'clock p. m.

Although it was quite well known that her condition was precarious, the news came as a terrible blow to the immediate relatives and close friends of Mrs. Studholme.

While the dispatch contained only the sad news as stated, it is presumed that the remains will be brought to Smethport as early as possible.

The death of this estimable woman, known to practically every resident of Smethport, will cause widespread sorrow.

Extended mention of her manifold excellent attributes of mind and heart is impossible at this time for the reason that The Miner was on the press at the time the news was received.

BACKUS' RESUME OF LOCAL ACHIEVMENT SCORES HIT; ADDS PAGE TO HISTORY

J. C. Backus, electrical manager for Smethport, the man of all men who brought electricity to Smethport and sees his work approved of all citizens, scored a genuine hit on the night of Monday, December 10, when, speaking before the Ladies' Night meeting of the Conopus club at the M. E. church, he gave a complete resume of an undertaking that not only has proved a great boon to the community, but which, from a financial standpoint, bids fair to become a very substantial producer of revenue.

A pioneer in the movement that makes for progress and one of the recognized leaders of the Conopus club, devoted to the interests of a greater and better Smethport, Mr. Backus' delivery was marked by rapt attention on the part of his auditors, a number of whom sincerely believed him too venturesome by far when first he launched the greatest undertaking in Smethport's history, but who now, with proper appreciation of achievement, are willing to confess to error of judgment.

In the course of his remarks, which in time will be regarded as a rare bit of local history, Mr. Backus made manifest a desire for still greater and better things for McKean county's capital. Of decidedly progressive mould, he can see no reason why Smethport should not lead all other towns of its size, instead of being behindhand in many things. His tribute to those who stood with him despite all discouragement, was an acknowledgement of one who appreciates loyalty at its true value, while his references to those who could not see as he did and mistakenly obstructed the great undertaking, were couched in kindly terms and contained an argument in behalf of progress that none could well resist.

The address, however, which the speaker was pleased to term a resume, must be read to be appreciated. Primarily for the reason that it is timely in every respect and that future generations will regard it as one of the very best chapters of the borough's history, The Miner publishes it in full. It follows:

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COOPER & BAUMAN QUIT.

Cooper and Bauman, electricians and dealers in electrical supplies, with headquarters in the Grand Central building during the past several months, have removed their establishment to Kane, merging it with their Kane branch, in order to meet properly a large and growing trade in that city. During their stay in Smethport Messrs. Cooper and Bauman made many friends, all of whom will regret their going.

Miss Irene McCarthy entertained the Emmanon club Monday evening at her home.

POSTMASTER ANNOUNCES OPEN HOUSE ON SUNDAY FROM NOON TILL 2 P. M.

Postmaster Workley, ever alive to the needs of Smethport and determined to give Smethport citizens the best postal service possible, has made the very agreeable announcement that the postoffice will be open from 12 o'clock noon until 2 o'clock p. m., Sunday, for the accommodation of all who expect to receive parcelpost packages. This announcement will be regarded with high favor by belated home comers, who otherwise would be compelled to wait until 11 o'clock Christmas day for their packages.

On Christmas day, however, the postoffice will be open from 11 a. m. until 12 o'clock noon, with one delivery by carrier Christms morning. The same hours will be observed New Year's day.

County Officers Catch Trio of Alleged Boot-Leggers Tuesday P. M.

County Detective and Sheriff Get Men They've Wanted for Weeks; 60 Quarts of Mule Kick Confiscated; Accused Held for Court by Justice Colegrove in $1500 Each.

Somebody—some sixty persons or more—are shy some Christmas cheer, said Christmas cheer being contained in some sixty bottles, which County Detective Allison and Sheriff Robinson found in a Buick auto Tuesday afternoon at the witching hour of 5, following the arrest of Jack Alton, Alfred Mays and John Daniels of Buffalo, on a charge of transporting and possessing intoxicating liquor.

According to the testimony, the trio drove into Smethport about 4 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, after stopping at Eldred and other towns to the north. They had no sooner arrived, however, than the officers got busy. In fact both the Sheriff and County Detective had been awaiting their coming for some weeks.

Evidently realizing that they were under surveillance, Mays and Daniels took the Buick car to the Smethport garage, while Alton, who appeared as the leader of the trio, took a walk about town. Sheriff Robinson then upon proceeded to the garage for the purpose of interviewing the suspects, while Detective Allison shadowed Alton. Following a brief conversation with Mays and Daniels at the garage, which served to confirm his suspicions, Sheriff Robinson placed them under arrest, searched them and uncovered a pint bottle fairly well filled with a liquor that resembled and tasted like whiskey. In the meantime Detective Allison intercepted Alton on the street and took him to the county jail.

Arraigned before Squire Colegrove at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning the three men, represented by Attorney Shattuck, pleaded not guilty to the charge of possessing and transportating liquor, but the evidence was so decidedly against them that the justice, on recommendation of District Attorney, Potter, held each in $1,500 bail for the February term of court.

Immediately following rendition of judgment the prisoners were permitted to communicate with friends for the purpose of procuring bond. In this, it is thought, Alton, leader of the trio, will experience no difficulty, as he is believed to have connections well able to care for him. Mays and Daniels, however, are considered as simply hirelings of Alton, and the officers will not be surprised if they are permitted to remain in jail.

The arrest of the trio, Jack Alton particularly, marks the culmination of several weeks of intense vigilance on the part of county detective and sheriff, who claim that Alton has made numerous trips to Smethport for the disposal of his particular line of bottled goods which bears the label, "Old Granddaddy." It also is asserted that local patrons of Alton, suspecting the officers' designs, warned him repeatedly to keep away, but that success had swelled his head to such a degree that he considered himself immune from arrest.

Alton, it is claimed, has been "covering" this territory for several months and considered it so easy that on one occasion, at least, he brought his wife with him. Despite all this, however, both county detective and sheriff have been onto his curves for some time and were only awaiting a chance to get him good and right. Believing that he was due some time during the holiday season, they watched the arrival of all autos and finally succeeded in landing their man and his aides.

Fifty-six of the sixty quarts seized by the officers were taken to the Hamlin bank for safe keeping, after two quart bottles had been broken during their removal from the auto.

ACCIDENTAL SHOOTING.

W. M. Razey of the Colegrove vicinity was the victim of a hunting accident last Thursday while looking for game in the woods of the Heineman estate. With Edward Whitelaw for a companion, he was beating the brush, when in some unaccountable manner the trigger of Whitelaw's rifle caught in his clothing and discharged the gun, the bullet entering the great toe of Razey's left foot, inflicting a painful although not serious injury.

DEATH CLAIMS INFANT

The funeral of Gordon Grover, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Claud Grover of Farmers Valley, who died last Wednesday, was held from the home Friday morning at 10:30 o'clock, Rev. Mr. Pang officiating. Interment was made in the Grimes cemetery. For the reason that this is the fourth of five children claimed by death, Mr. and Mrs. Grover have the sincere sympathy of the entire community.

Howard Streng is home from Pittsburgh where he has been attending Carnegie Tech.

SHOOTING INSULATORS FROM ELECTRIC POLES IS LATEST DIVERSION

Smart alec hunters who think they can shoot insulators off electric light, telephone and telegraph poles and get away with it, are in for a surprise, for both Sheriff Robinson and County Detective Allison are probing all cases reported to date, and with some very good clues to work on, it looks very much as if a number of reckless chaps are going to face old Mother Trouble.

Shortly before the noon hour Monday every electric light and power device in Smethport was put out of commission, and borough officials wondered. Interrogated by scores of people all at once, they were completely at a loss to account for the difficulty until a Hazelhurst electrical worker called up with the information that a party of hunters had engaged in the sportive pastime of shooting the insulators from the poles and that he with other fellow workmen were engaged in the task of replacing them. One hour later witnessed a resumptin of service but borough officials, aware of the gravity of the offense, made complaint to the county officials with the result of their taking the trail immediately.

In a statement to The Miner, Monday, Mr. Biever of the Backus Novelty company, remarked that the practice of shooting insulators off high tension poles was a dangerous one in the extreme, both to life and property, in that the falling or crossing of wires when deprived of support might work incalculable havoc without an instant's warning. While prone to believe that the hunters were ignorant of the risk involved, Mr. Biever plainly stated that all such cases should be dealt with severely.

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DAIRY FACTS

USE MORE REGISTERED SIRES

Notable Progress Is Reported in Movement to Replace Scrub Bulls With Purebreds.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

There is every reason to believe that the replacement of scrub and grade sires by purebreds is on the increase. Reports received by the United States Department of Agriculture from county agents in various parts of the country show that the "Better Sires—Better Stock" movement is having a noticeable effect. A recent statement by M. G. Lewis, county agent of Rockbridge county, Va., is typical of a large number.

"The purebred bull movement," says Mr. Lewis, "is progressing rapidly. Since January 1, 16 farmers have disposed of grade or scrub bulls and are using registered bulls instead. On the other hand, there are no less than 50 men in the county who still persist in holding out against the progress and development of the live stock interests of the county by keeping inferior grade or scrub bulls. I have a list of 53 owners of such bulls. Some of these men have grades that are fairly good individuals, while others have scrubs that are the worst kind of a disgrace to the community and to the county.

"The cost of a good registered bull is so small now that it is a mystery why any farmer will keep anything

Better Dairying Results Where Sires Like This Are Used.

else. Many records have been kept during the last few years to prove out the actual value of a purebred bull in dollars and cents."

Some of these actual figures were obtained recently by the Department of Agriculture through an inquiry sent out to more than 500 farmers throughout the United States. These men gave it as their opinion that in all kinds of farm stock purebreds have an earning power more than 40 per cent better than common stock. It is noteworthy that in the case of dairy cattle, whose productive power can be easily measured, purebreds were considered to be 47.8 per cent better than common cows. The lowest percentage given for any kind of stock was 36.8 per cent.

FLIES DECREASE MILK YIELD

Spraying Furnishes Means of Relieving Cow For the Time and Saves Temper of Milker.

The irritation of cows caused by flies not only lessens the milk produced, but, due to the restlessness of the cows, is a frequent cause of inefficient milking.

The fly spray furnishes a means of relieving the cow for a time at least and of saving the temper of the milkers. The following fly repellent mixture is recommended:

Four and one-half quarts of coal tar dip, 4½ quarts of fish oil, 3 quarts of whale oil, 1½ quarts of oil of tar and ½ ounce of oil of pennyroyal. Dissolve 3 pounds of laundry soap in water, add the ingredients of the spray and bring the whole up to 30 gallons with lukewarm water.

This quantity will spray 40 cows twice a day for 10 days. The spray should be applied in the morning after milking and in the afternoon when the cows are in the barn for silage or green feed.

Important News Events of the World Summarized

Domestic

Walter Malinyoski, eleven, was dragged to death at Minier, Ill., when a colt he had been leading ran away. He had tied the lead rope around his body.

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Army officers at Nogales, Ariz., have abandoned hope of finding Colonel Francis C. Marshall and Lieut. C. L. Webber, missing aviators, alive, or of finding their bodies.

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Wallace Reid, one of the bright film stars, and the idol of movie fans, lies in a remote little Los Angeles (Cal.) sanitarium—fighting to "come back."

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Louis Maspons, chief internal tax collector at Havana, declares Cuba could annually produce 200,000,000 liters of industrial alcohol, drawn from the sugar crop, to compete against gasoline.

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Within twelve hours after her complaint was filed, Mrs. Dorothea Owen Hawkins, daughter of Robert L. Owen, United States senator from Oklahoma, was granted a divorce from Hawkins at Reno, Nev.

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The American ambassador, Col. George Harvey, is returning from London to the United States for a visit. The Ambassador's visit will coincide with the presence in America of the British debt commission.

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Ten men arrested in connection with the alleged looting of soldiers' barracks at Camp Grant were held under bond before United States Commissioner Stanley M. Vance at Freeport.

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The annual meeting of the executive committee of the Federal Council of Churches of America opened at Indianapolis Wednesday, with representatives of 32 Protestant denominations in attendance.

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After having been aground on a rock ledge near Fish Rock, 70 miles north of San Francisco, since Monday night, the British steamer Oceanic broke in two. The crew was taken aboard another steamer.

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Bainbridge Colby, secretary of state in President Wilson's cabinet, announced at New York that his law partnership with the former President would terminate December 31, at the expiration of their agreement.

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Mahon Mitchell of New York, American consul on Malta island, was shot near Buracca. His unknown assailant escaped.

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The proposed new constitution for Illinois was snowed under by 5 to 1 vote.

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Washington

The United States treasury at Washington paid out a billion dollars and took in $275,000,000 last Friday.

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Privileged status was granted by the house rules committee at Washington to the Green resolution proposing a constitutional amendment to prohibit issuance of tax-exempt securities.

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The senate at Washington passed a $26,000,000 appropriation bill for the Labor and Commerce departments.

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The Rumanian legation at Washington denied reports that Prince Carol of Rumania had left his bride.

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The Navy department asked a naval construction program costing $331,000,000. Chairman Kelley of the house appropriations subcommittee told the house at Washington in explaining the subcommittee's report.

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Repeal of the legislation creating the railroad labor board and summary dismissal of that body is provided in a bill introduced in the house at Washington by Representative McGregor (Rep., New York).

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The new year will find the United States possessor of about 50 per cent of the world's entire gold, treasury officials in Washington said. Uncle Sam has cached in his vaults nearly $4,000,000,000.

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A bill to prevent double prosecution by state and federal authorities for a single violation of the prohibition act was introduced at Washington by Representative Brennan (Rep., Mich.).

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Secretary Hoover at Washington said the American Relief Association is feeding 1,500,000 Russian children.

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Senator Brookhart (Rep., Ia.) at Washington proposed an amendment to the shipping bill which would grant a subsidy to American producers, industrial and agricultural.

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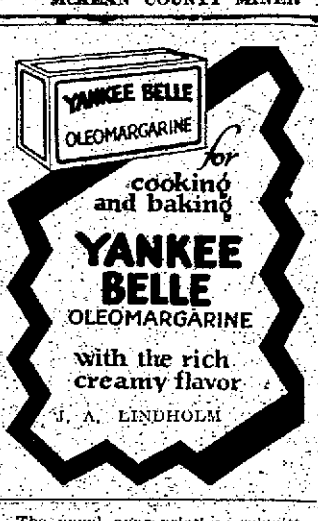
The senate at Washington passed a bill granting federal authority for the construction at Trenton, N. J., of a bridge to commemorate Washington's crossing of the Delaware river.



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The royal appropriation committee at Washington suggested that President Harding call another arms conference to limit small fighting craft.

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The annual meeting of the directors of the Red Cross was formally opened at Washington by President Harding, who said the organization's work is the best answer to foreign criticism of America.

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Personal

Mrs. Charles Cary Ramsey, widow of the sculptor and polo player who was killed in an automobile accident less than three months ago, died of pneumonia at her Long Island (N. Y.) home.

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John Wanamaker, internationally famous merchant and a former postmaster general, died at his home in Philadelphia. He was eighty-four years old.

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Foreign

Lieut. Gen. Sir George Montague Harper, K. C. B., general officer of the southern command since 1919, was killed and Lady Harper seriously injured when their motor car overturned near London.

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Premier Poincare at Paris won a vote of confidence on his reparations policy by 532 to 70.

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A dispatch says on payment of $2,500 for each prisoner, the bandits in Honan province have released all foreign prisoners except a French engineer.

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Many improvements are shown in exhibits at France's eighth aviation salon, which opened at Paris. French engineers say they and the Americans are leading the world.

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President Cosgrave of the Irish Free State informed the Cork harbor commissioners he would not aid them in their effort to have the dail appoint a peace committee to deal with republicans.

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The Japanese consul at Tsingtao, Shantung, which Japan has just returned to China, reports the city is practically without government, but the bandits have removed from near the city.

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A duel with pistols was fought at Montevideo, by Dr. Baltasar Brum, president of Uruguay, and Dr. Luis Alberto Herrera, former legation secretary at Washington. Each fired two shots, hitting nothing.

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Charles R. Crane, former American minister to China, was received by the caliph at Constantinople, who said Turkey looked to the United States for commercial support and friendly guidance.

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In the elections in the Moscow soviet, 1,498 communists and 110 nonpartisan deputies were elected. Only workers and government employees may vote, employers and other bourgeoisie being barred.

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As a result of the rioting during the inauguration of President Narutowicz at Warsaw, the minister of the interior has been forced to resign, the police chief has been discharged, and most of the wounded are striking.

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There were 25,000 fewer births and 16,000 more deaths in France during the first six months of this year than during the corresponding period in 1921, the government at Paris announces.

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The government at London secured a victory in the Portsmouth by-election, the first since the general election, when Col. Leslie Wilson, chief Conservative whip, was elected to the house of commons.

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The Russian government has executed 1,760,118 persons since it came into power, the State department at Washington has learned through newly arrived statistics.

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The largest wine harvest since 1875 has been registered in France this year. The yield is 68,000,000 hectoliters. In 1875 the total was 84,000,000 hectoliters, says a Paris dispatch.

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Foreign Minister Luther at Berlin informed the reichstag committee that Germany has enough grain to assure bread all winter.

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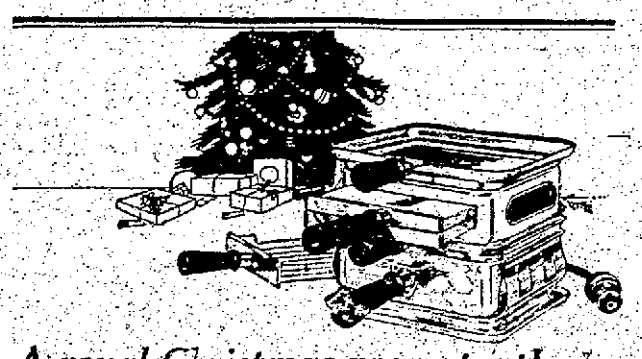
A summons was sent from Dublin to all Sinn Fein clubs to meet a committee of the senate to discuss Irish peace.



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LODGE DIRECTORY.

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McKean Lodge, No. 388, meets on the second Wednesday of each month, at 7:30 p. m., at Masonic Hall, Main street.
HARRY RUBIN, W. M.
W. F. SPECHT, Secretary.

I. O. O. F.
Smethport Lodge, No. 389, meets Friday evenings at 8 o'clock in I. O. O. F. Hall. Will work initiatory degree first meeting of each month; 1st degree on second, 2nd degree on third; and third degree on fourth meeting night.
Fred J. Masser, N. G.
J. V. Gallup, V. G.
R. C. GLEASON, Sec.

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Smethport Encampment, No. 379, meets the first and third Wednesdays of each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.
CHARLES LEMMLER, C. P.
J. A. SWANSON, S.

Ideal Rebekah Lodge, No. 63.
Meets the 1st and 3rd Monday evenings of each month, at 8 o'clock, in the I. O. O. F. Hall.
JENNIE CHASE, N. G.
CATHERINE LEMMLER, Sec'y.
EDNA ANDERSON Fin. Sec'y.

P. H. C.
Smethport Branch, No. 25, meets on every Tuesday evening in I. O. O. F. Hall.
C. M. COLEGROVE, President
ANNA O. STARK, Secretary.

P. of H.
Meets 1st and 3rd Thursday evenings in each month in I. O. O. F. Hall.
FRANK REEVES, W. M.
P. S. CROSSMAN, Secretary.
H. J. RICE, Lecturer.

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Meets 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 2 p. m., in I. O. O. F. Hall.
MRS. H. G. GERMAN, W. M.
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Backus' Resume

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Mr. President, Ladies and Gentlemen:

Your Committee on Entertainment has requested me to give a resume of the electricity for Smethport, proposition. To do this in all its various ramifications in detail would require a good many days of steady writing, therefore, with your permission and approval, I will touch only a few of the high spots.

We all know that every now and then for a good many years back, the question of how to get electricity for Smethport, has come up and gone down, and it was not till Jan. 6, 1921, that it came up to stay up. On that date, which I think should be called a "memorable date", there was held at the Grand Central Hotel a very interesting and enthusiastic special meeting of the Conopus Club, re good roads. This meeting was attended by Joseph O'Connor, A. J. Bond, C. W. Eriksman, Col. A. D. Burns and E. W. Fitzgerald, all of whom made speeches also the question of electricity came up and after the meeting was over, T. F. Hungiville and H. H. Redfield came down to my office and stated that A. J. Bond told them he would loan the Borough $5000.00 and get the county commissioners to make a liberal advance, provided a sufficient amount could be raised to equip the town with electricity, and H. H. Redfield then and there stated he would furnish another $5000.00 and Messers. Hungiville and Redfield authorized me to go before the next meeting of the Council and ascertain if the Council would do their part, provided a sufficient amount of outside money could be raised to make it a success. The Council gave encouragement, and appointed Claude Hackett, W. H. Hungerford and T. H. Morrison Committee on Electricity.

On Jan. 19, 1921, at a regular meeting of the Conopus Club the various committees for the ensuing year were appointed. The Committee on electricity consisting of J. G. Barkus, T. H. Morrison and R. E. Burdick. Both of the foregoing committees worked in conjunction and visited Bradford, Olean, Portville, Port Allegany, Coudersport and other places, investigating and finding out all they could, re electrical equipment, cost, etc. Mr. Woolsey of Pittsburgh, was here on April 11th, and at a public meeting he urged the home plant, so it was at first thought best to install a home plant, but, investigation proved that the more *economical* way was to buy from a central power station, and build transmission lines.

Monday, April 18, 1921, the Conopus Club held a ladies meeting in the basement of the M. E. Church. Mr. C. F. Harris and Mr. Schrantz, Westinghouse Electric Engineers, attended this meeting and gave very able addresses on electric installation, different methods and costs, after which a straw vote was taken there were 68 in favor and 68 voted for electricity.

The latter part of Feb. 1921, questionaires were sent out to all taxpayers and while the majority was favorable, they were not by any means unanimous, however your committee kept diligently at work and finally succeeded in getting the Council on March 7, 1921, to pass an ordinance authorizing a special election to vote on a bond issue for electricity, this being *the only way of ascertaining* the true sentiment of the voters.

Meanwhile a plan for building a transmission line from Portville to Smethport was being considered, and the Conopus Club appointed Mayo Shattuck and Potter a committee to visit Eldred and see if its citizens would become financially interested, and the committee received Eldred's assurance that they would.

Meanwhile the Borough Council had set June 14th, as the day on which the special election would be held for voting on a $33,000 Electric Bond issue.

Ladies and Gentlemen, there is only one way to do a thing—i. e. wholeheartedly, systematically and thoroly or not at all, and with that object in view the Conopus Club who had started the ball rolling, held a meeting on June 6th and made up the following election programme. The whole club was divided into ten sections. Henry Bliss was made manager and each section had a Captain as follows:—Sec. 1 J. S. Morrison, Sec. 2 Sanford Fry, Sec. 3 Dr. Livermore, Sec. 4 H. S. Rubin, Sec. 5 Dr. Long, Sec. 6 Paul Crossman, Sec. 7 Claude Shattuck, Sec. 8 T. F. Hungiville, Sec. 9 L. E. Murin, Sec. 10 Jas. Nellis and all of the members were equally divided among these Captains, and each Captain had a list of every voter in his district, and these voters' names were distributed equally between his men, and each man visited personally every voter on his list to ascertain views, and many a voter, who had misunderstood the proposition and intended to vote against it, was, after a thorough explanation of the true situation, not only converted, but was turned into a real booster and all this time the Democrat and Miner were both doing heroic work all of which resulted in a final overwhelming victory of 407 for with only 77 against electricity.

Ladies and Gentlemen:—To the uninitiated it would, from the foregoing, look as though the battle was won, whereas, the easy part was accomplished, and the real battle was to begin, that was the battle of getting away from the capitalist the additional necessary funds. This required the formulating of propositions and contracts that would not only secure the capitalist, but would be acceptable to all parties *concerned* and "believe me" your committee sure did find this some job.

The first thing to do was to decide on the source of supply, and to that end, the Ridgway Power Corp. and the Olean Electric Co. were sounded—Ridgway was not interested, on the other hand Olean, through its customer, Portville Electric Co. were very anxious to furnish the necessary supply. Mr. Langworthy, of Bradford, in conjunction with other electrical engineers representing electrical equipment companies made a complete and detailed survey of the proposition and estimated the total cost for transmission line and borough equipment at $70,223.00, which included a sub-station at Eldred amounting to $2312.00 it being the intent to sell electricity to Eldred.

Your committee went ahead and completed a tentative contract with the Portville Co. and on its face it appeared to be a very attractive contract. The Borough Council at their July meeting, having appointed your committee their special agent to raise $40,000 in unsecured loans it was only necessary to go ahead and form agreeable contracts etc. and raise the coin, and right there was where the battle royal started. It was no trouble to raise the money, our enterprising capitalists subscribed generously, as you will note by the following list:

following list:

Orlo Hamlin, $5000.00; H. H. Redfield, $5000.00; Mary H. Forrest, $3000; Eugenia H. Merrill, $3000; Emma H. McCandless, $3000; Sanford L. Fry, $1000; W. H. Gallup, $1000; Mary T. Gallup, $1000; Harriet R. Gillett, $1000; Ralph E. Burdick, $500; Scott F. Redfield, $500; Judge J. W. Bouton, $500; Chas. W. Masser, $350; Geo. W. Mitchell, $200; E. C. Potter, $100; E. E. Bonton, $50; E. E. Drake, $50. Total $25250.

But to get the agreements into acceptable form was where the real snag appeared. However, by forming several interlinking companies, the problem was considered solved.

On the first Monday in October, the Council consisting of C. M. Colegrove, chairman, and members—Garlick, Hewett, Hopper, Hall, Hungerford and Lindholm took the electric proposition under advisement, but could not agree, so the meeting was continued to the following Monday. At this adjourned meeting there were present several citizens and a delegation from the Conopus Club and again it developed that the Council were in doubt regarding the legality of all the agreements however they did go on record as being in favor of electricity for Smethport, as soon as they could be convinced that everything was in due and legal form.

Following this meeting your Committee and Chas. Potter spent several nights in the latter's office ironing out the law, re-arranging and re-writing the contracts and Mr. Potter went to Harrisburg and submitted them to the State Commission, then they were submitted to G. B. Mayo, T. H. Morrison and F. D. Gallup, and received their O. K. and these revised papers were again submitted to the Council on Monday, Dec. 5, 1921, and at this meeting there was still doubt in some of their minds as to whether the project would be a success or a failure and they were somewhat disposed to let it lay over for further consideration by the next Council but your committee pressed hard for a final decision, then and there, so the vote was taken and when Hopper's name was called he sat for a long while with his head bowed on his knees, finally he raised his head and said "Yes," making a majority for the whole proposition as set forth. Thus endeth the year 1921.

Ere ushered in more hard sledding for electricity some of the capitalists became convinced after long and careful study that they had no legal protection and that they would be donating instead of loaning. Now you know that capitalists are capitalists because they protect their capital, for which they should not be censured, therefore it was up to your Committee to commence all over again and rearrange the contracts so as to give protection that would insure the return of the money to be loaned, some time, either to them, or to their children, they did not care. Also at this time your committee was trying to close with the County Commissioners, who while willing to come across were of the opinion they ought to receive interest on the advance but after your Committee convinced them that they would not only lose interest on the $18,000 equipment, they would have to install, beside having to pay three engineers every day, they agreed to make the advance without interest.

Now at this very critical stage with the parties who were to advance the money not being satisfied, and the idea of having to start all over again, when your Committee was almost tired to death, there came a rift in the dark clouds from which shot forth one of the very brightest rays of light in the form of a visit from the officers of the Ridgway Power Corp. who said they had had a change of policy in that they had decided to reach out for all the new business they could get, so we commenced to negotiate with them, first we were to build the trunk line from Mt. Jewett, then we moved them to come to Hazelhurst—then the Boro's electric cons. Claud Shattuck who was taking a very active part, discovered that the Keystone Co. had an exclusive charter for Hamlin Twp. and that the State Commission would not allow the Borough to build lines in Hamlin Twp. so they finally agreed to extend their lines to the line intersecting Hamlin and Keating townships, which is approximately 5½ miles S. W. of Smethport.

And on Monday night, March 13th, the Borough Council met and accepted the Keystone Co.'s proposition and authorized your committee to secure a proper contract with said company for current. The contract was secured and on such terms that we could buy from the Ridgway Co. the same amount of electric current for $310 for which we would have to pay Olean $425.

The foregoing very favorable turn in affairs cut down the amount of funds needed to such a great degree that we were able to not only get along without outside capital, but were enabled to cut the County Commissioners' advance from $15,000 to $12,000, which would make our cash resources $16,000, and your committee figured this would complete the whole job and leave a maintenance fund of about $5000.

All of the preliminary contracts having been completed and the necessary funds available, your committee advised the Council that the job could be done, quicker, better and ore cheaply if they would hire some good man and delegate to him plenary power, and your committee handed in the names of several men who would fill the bill, your committee did not want the job, having already lost much valuable time, however at the next meeting of the Council, March 20th, they insisted that your committee was the right man to finish the job, and they elected him Borough Electric Manager, and put the salary at $100 per month and expenses, and the commission read as follows:—Whereas, we the Borough Council did at our last meeting held on March 20th, 1922, elect J. Clayton Backus as the electric business manager to act for the Borough Council in introducing electricity into Smethport, and in order that he may proceed in the most economical and expedient way for the introducing of said electricity into Smethport, we, the Borough Council, hereby empower the said manager with all of the powers necessary to go ahead and build the trunk line and equip the Borough, in any way that he may in his judgment deem to be the most expedient and economical for all parties concerned. The said manager to report in detail at regular meetings of the Borough Council of all of his transactions during the preceding month, for the Council's approval and also that the said manager may in case of an extraordinary situation arising, call a special meeting of the Council when it shall be the Council's duty to take up with the manager the extraordinary conditions at issue and decide same.

Equipped with the necessary powers, we interviewed electric construction engineers, and notified the big electric supply companies that we had all the necessary funds, and were ready to start the electrification of Smethport. Several electric construction engineers, from Buffalo, Rochester and Bradford applied for the position of Chief Engineer, all at commission varying from 8 to 12 percent on the investment as their salary. Engineer salesmen from the big supply houses also visited us for the purposes of making estimates and giving prices, among whom were Mr. G. F. Hart, of Buffalo, a field engineer of the Westinghouse Elec. & Mfg. Co., and Mr. Quinlan representing the Rochester Electric Supply Co. Westinghouse jobbers and together we made maps of the town, selected the motor, then they submitted a price on everything complete and agreed to furnish all the necessary engineering services, free of charge, if we would buy the outfit complete from them, also if any other concerns would furnish us good material at a lesser price, they would meet the reduced figure. We asked the gentlemen to return in one week for their answer, and during the interim we went to Ridgway and submitted the prices etc. to Mr. Knopsnyder, Purchasing Agent and Construction Engineer for the Keystone Power Corp. (Right here we want to say that Mr. Knopsnyder and his subordinates have rendered us a good many days of very valuable service, for which as to date they have made no charge.) Mr. Knopsnyder went over all the prices and stated that we were not over-charged anywhere, and in many things the prices were less than they had paid for the same articles.

When Mr. Quinlan and Mr. Harris returned, we closed the deal, gave them the whole order and started the job—first, we took under consideration the 5½ miles of trunk line, the estimated cost being $11,000.00. The Ridgway Power Corp. had to build their line from Mt. Jewett to E. McKean's on the Marvin Creek road, and they offered to continue on and build our share of the line for actual cost plus 5 per cent, so we gave them the contract. Their total bill for the entire job was a few dollars less than $9000, thereby saving us $2000 from the estimated cost—next in order was the right man to take actual charge of the Borough construction. Our first choice was an Olean man who did not prove satisfactory and in looking around for another man, we discovered Seth Norman at Port Allegany working for the Allegany Glass Co. Mr. Norman was raised in Smethport went to Chicago twelve years ago and during most of that time was employed by the Edison Electric Co. in erecting and maintaining electric light lines all over the City of Chicago, so we concluded if he was good enough for Chicago, he would do for Smethport, and in our second choice we were not disappointed as Mr. Norman has proven himself a capable, trustworthy and efficient electrical construction engineer, and the Borough is indeed lucky to have this worthy gentleman for their future electric superintendent.

At first the Borough layout called for ornamental lighting for five blocks only, from the Wright House to the Episcopal Church, 15 posts in all. Then the property owners on West Main street got together and stated that in order to not have any poles erected on that beautiful thoroughfare they would pay the additional cost for ornamental lighting for a distance of seven blocks, and soon thereafter the property owners on East Main street agreed to do likewise for a 3 block extension, making in all 15 blocks and 47 ornamental lights, all of which were finally put in place to the entire satisfaction of the citizens and the admiration of all visitors. In addition to our ornamental lighting, we have lights on every street intersection, excepting 3 or 4 isolated places. Our ornamental lights were turned on Wednesday, Sept. 12th, the outside lighting has been added to from time to time until now it is almost complete. Our main service consists of a big primimary loop which starts at the switch house, goes down to Nelson street, up to King street and on King St. as far as Mayo's, where it turns and goes down to Water street, which it follows back into the switch house and all users on this loop are fed from both ends, thereby giving to all an equal voltage and what we call dead ends running to all outlaying parts of the town will be tapped into this big loop.

We commenced connecting up customers the latter part of September and up to now we have 85 stores and houses and 30 H. P. connected. For the month of November we paid the Ridgway Power Corp. for all electricity sold and used in street lighting $163.06, and our customers paid us $419.16, leaving a surplus of $256.10 and it is estimated that our surplus for December will be well over $300. This is so much better than expected that it looks as though the system would be on a paying basis in one year, instead of two, as had been predicted.

Our street lamps are now burning from 6:30 P. M. to 1 A. M. or 8 hours and 30 minutes, and during that time they use 110 K. W. Our wholesale price for electricity, as near as we can figure is 1-3 4c per K. W. to which we add 3-4c per K. W. for losses, making it 2 1-2c per K. W. and at this rate our street lighting for juice only is costing us $2.75 a night or $72.50 a 30 day month, however up to date we are unable to figure our exact losses and right now they may be more than we figure, but the more we use the less the loss, so eventually our first cost will come under these stated figures.

Our entire main system is about complete, and we have connected up the Poor Farm and the Norwich Chemical Co. at East Smethport, and up to date, we have spent less than $40,000.00 (not counting what we did that we got paid for) and have over $5000 in the electric fund, to take care of the system till it is on a paying basis and in a few years it should be showing a nice profit, which can be applied toward other improvements, thereby actually making our lighting system a source of revenue instead of an expense.

Ladies and Gentlemen, be advised that the Westinghouse engineers, Mr. Harris and Mr. Quinlan did their full and complete duty as promised. Gordon Potter, during the preliminaries, gave liberally of his time and after the proposition was whipped into line the Borough counsel, Thos. H. Morrison spent many a day and not a few nights, consulting and advising, drawing contracts and ordinances, getting up the bonds and seeing sure that same were in due and legal form when issued, also the Borough Secretary, Mr. F. H. Elever had had piled on him, since the electric proposition first started more work than all of the last preceding five years called for.

Re our electricity, we have been very fortunate, we bought at a time when the big companies were actually hungry for even small orders, therefore got rock bottom prices. Our common labor cost us 33 1-3 cents an hour, and today it is 40c. Of course there were a few of our citizens who were conscientious objectors, but it is believed that not one of our citizens had any desire to do other than what would help our town, and in several cases their objections turned out to be a real benefit, and today we are sitting the prettiest re electricity of any known community.

Now last but not least please be advised that right now Smethport has a Council that it may well be proud of. This council have built the electric plant, have paved the [illegible] built bridges, and many other needed improvements all of which they are bound to go down into history as the most constructive Council that the Borough of Smethport ever had.

Ladies and Gentlemen and members of the Conopus Club who one year and conferred on me the honor of being their President for the year 1922, and to be President of our Conopus Club is an honor that any one may well be proud of. Organized only three short years ago, it has accomplished many things, all of which will be intelligently set forth in a paper to be read by one of our members at the next ladies night, however in closing it is fitting that we should make a few remarks re the Conopus Club. Said Club was organized for the sole and only purpose of advancing our town; originally we had fifty members, today we have only about thirty, and at our regular meetings only from 8 to 16 of these members attend. We are slipping, only a few of us are hanging on with a cast iron grip, these men are nearly all here, look at them, gaze into their faces and see the set look of determination in their faces—they are the men who dare to do and do it well: as before said the Club is slipping, and why? Because most of our professional men, most of our business men, all of whom depend upon the town for their livelihood, fail to see—fail to comprehend that the property of every municipality depends upon organizations similar to our Conopus Club, and instead of putting their shoulder to the wheel and help push, they sit down and let poor George do it.

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In summer eggs are gathered twice daily to prevent them from being heated by the hens. In winter, the same number of collections are made to keep the eggs from freezing and cracking. At other times of the year, one collection daily is enough.

Breeding Ewes.

Breeing Ewes can be carried well into the winter on the feed picked up from stubble fields, pastures, and corn-fields, together with some alfalfa or clover hay. For the best interests of the coming crop of lambs, the ewes should be well fed with feed rich in mineral matter and protein, and should be constantly gaining in weight up until lambing time.

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NO PAPER NEXT WEEK; FORCE TO TAKE REST.

In strict accord with a custom of years, The McKean County Miner will suspend publication next week. Like other human beings—for it is alleged that both editors and printers are human—we feel that we are entitled to a holiday, and without any apology, we purpose to take it. The past several weeks we have been working hard—too hard for comfort—and old nature is beginning to tell us about it. In the language of Richard III, or some other Shakespearian character: "We grow weary and fain would rest"—also eat and have time to eat. Well aware of the fact that the people will be somewhat disconcerned when this cold torch of liberty and righteousness lessens its flame, even for a brief period, we promise to light up again Monday, January 1, and give everybody what's coming to them. While we haven't had a vacation for one full year and don't know just how we're going to put in the time, we do know that invitations to grace a festal board will prove acceptable; also that our "bed of spowy down beneath the eaves" will tempt us to lie both early and late in an altogether different manner than that which many believe us to be accustomed.

As we contemplate the immediate future and realize that one whole week of vacation is coming to us, we feel dazed. Seems as if the days of miracles have returned. But believe us, when the release is given we're going to try to be happy and make others happy. Oh, there's lots of good, of justice and righteousness in this old world, after all.

Merry Christmas to you, fellow citizens of Smethport and McKean County!

BIG HOLIDAY TRADE.

The Christmas rush is at its height in Smethport stores and the merchants are prepared to meet it. Never before did the local mercantile establishments look better, never before were there better stocks of holiday merchandise. That the business men are alive to the situation, the big Holiday edition of The McKean County Miner, replete with advertising, bears evidence.

A visit to the stores—any or all of them—will suffice to convince that prices are appreciably lower in all lines of merchandise, and well aware of the fact, shoppers are buying accordingly. For this reason a greater volume of trade is expected—greater than any holiday season since 1920.

Smethport's stores are resplendent with beauty. All stocks are new and so arranged as to show to the best advantage. In their determination to supply the people's demands the merchants have fairly combed the markets for the very latest *conceits in holiday niceties.*

A visit to the local stores and one feels as if he were in attendance at a big merchantile exhibit. The goods are there and the crowds are there; but having anticipated the rush, merchants generally have met it by an augmented force of competent clerks, thus assuring prompt attention to all callers.

The remaining days of the week give promise of record business transactions. Throughout Friday and Saturday Smethport will become the Mecca for practically all of central McKean county. With the assurance of good weather the people will pour out of the hills and valleys into the county seat to procure their holiday needs.

All leading merchants report a highly satisfactory trade thus far—better that that of last year—and their actions give sanction to their words. Cheered by the response of the people, they bestow cheerfulness in return. Sales are easily made because prices are lower. Thus satisfied customers and satisfied merchants combine to make the present the happiest season in years.

Although Christmas is only a few days hence, merchants report their stocks sufficient to meet all demands even unto the eleventh hour. Anticipating a prosperous season, they have purchased liberally, yet wisely withal, and there is little reason to believe that even the last-hour buyer will meet with disappointment.

The best way to post up on holiday bargains is to read The Miner's advertising columns.

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NOW GOING ON
1-2 off - 1-3 off - 1-4 off
Entire Stock on Sale.
Bradford's Leading and Oldest Jewelry Store.
Established 1898.
Fred J. Johnston, Jeweler
7 MAIN STREET, BRADFORD, PA.
Right at the Street Car Waiting Room.

Some day our regard for the teachings of the Master will be such that we'll love one another every day of the year. Speed the day.

Many are visiting the old home town this week. Why not visit the old home church?

"Glory to God in the highest, and and on earth peace, good will toward men."

Special services at all churches Sunday. Make it a point to attend.

SHERIFF GETS A PAIR OF ALLEGED THIEVES AND HOUSE BREAKERS.

R. D. Weeks, alias Fletcher, of Buffalo, and John Herman, alias Henry Crouse of Syracuse, N. Y., arrested by Bradford police Saturday night while burglarizing a home were brought to Smethport and given into the custody of Sheriff Robinson, Tuesday, having been bound over to criminal court on charges of highway robbery, breaking and entering an occupied dwelling, and larceny.

Chief Solt of the Bradford police filed the charge of burglary, while Frank Cetwick swore to the information for highway robbery. Cetwick was held up by the pair Saturday night and robbed of $15 and valuable articles.

BRADFORD POLICE GET 20 OF 62 FUR COATS STOLEN AT SYRACUSE.

Ten of 62 fur coats, valued at $15,000, stolen from the H. F. Oswald store at Syracuse, N. Y., Thanksgiving evening have been recovered by the police of Bradford, having been found in the possession of Mayer Brauser, who conducts a store in Main street of Bradford. Escape of the thieves, however, has baffled he police, and every city within a radius of 500 miles has been notified to look out for them. Arrested on a charge of receiving stolen property, Brauser later was released, no evidence having been found to connect him with the robbers. The coats recovered in Bradford are said to be worth $5,000.

At the meeting of the directors of the Hamlin Bank & Trust company, Wednesday, December 13, regular semi-annual dividends of 5 per cent and extra dividend of 5 per cent were declared, payable January 1, 1923.

CHURCH SERVICES

EAST SMETHPORT CHURCH.

Sunday: Class meeting at 10:30 a. m.; Sunday school at 11 a. m. Evening musical program preceding the preaching service. Next Thursday evening prayer meeting at the usual hour.

Saturday evening there will be an old-time Christmas tree celebration at the Farmers Valley church for the benefit of the Sunday school. A fine program has been arranged, following the rendition of which candy and gifs will be distributed.

Friday evening is the date set for the Christmas tree celebration by the Coryville Sunday school, featured by a goodly program and gift distribution.

METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Sunday December 24. Morning worship, 10:30; Church school, 11:45; Junior Epworth league, 3; evening worship, 7:30. There will be Holy Communion at morning worship. Appropriate sermons and Christmas music at both services.

On Thursday, December 21, the members of the Sunday school will render the cantata, "Santa to the Rescue" to commence at 7:45. Do not forget your gifts for the Christmas baskets.

CHRISTMAS AT ST. LUKE'S.

Children's Carol service Christmas eve, December 24, at 7 p. m. Holy Communion at 7:30 and 10:30 a. m. Christmas day. Holy Communion at All Saints' chapel at 9 a. m.

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

Sermon 11:30 a. m., 7:30 p. m. Bible school 11:45. Christmas event for the children, Friday night at 7:30. All are invited.

NOTICE

Stockholders' Annual Meeting.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Grange National Bank of McKean County at Smethport, Pa., for the election of directors and the transaction of any other business that may come before the meeting, will be held at office of said bank on Tuesday the 9th day of January, 1923. From 12:00 noon to 2:00 p. m.

50-4t E. E. DRAKE, Cash.

Many men are physically strong and many are mentally strong, but it's the combination that brings success.

The best sign of real genius is a love of humanity.

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Largest and Finest Selection in Bradford.
EVERYTHING IN JEWELRY.
Gifts that Please. Gifts that Last.
WE PLEASE THE PARTICULAR.
WE INVITE YOU TO CALL.
H. F. ROGALSKY,
Main at Kennedy St. BRADFORD, PA.

BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY

By J. L. MARTIN

The Cross Roads school teacher made himself very unpopular at the spelling match last Friday night, when Silla Longfellow put two d's in "mib," by declaring that there are enough old fossils in the district to start a class in paleontology.

FOSSIL: A person who should have lived in the days of Moses and the Prophets instead of in the present. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 483.

PALEONTOLOGY: That science which tells of everything about things which no one knows anything about. Bill Sam's Dictionary, page 672.

McKEAN CO. STUDENTS STATE COLLEGE COMING HOME FOR HOLIDAYS.

Thirty students from McKean county, attending Pennsylvania State College this year, are arriving at their homes this week for the Holiday vacation. The recess this year is longer than usual, extending from December 15 to January 3, to accommodate the many students who depend upon work during the vacation to defray a part of their college expenses.

The following students from McKean county are enrolled in the Pennsylvania State College this year.

Seniors: Miss Myrtle Frances Fox, Bradford; Stuart Kinzer Habgood, Bradford; Raphael Kessler, Smethport; John Russell Rowe, Betula; Clermont Jennings Snyder, Bradford; Russell Argyles Strang, Port Allegany.

Juniors, Miss Gertrude Carmody, Bradford; Miss Reva May Danna, Bradford; Allan Brown Kime, Kane; Herbert Maurice Lemex, Eldred; John Peter Willman, Kane.

Sophomores, Miss Elizabeth Meek, Glenn, Bradford; Edwin C. Charles Hickok, Bradford; Herbert William Johnson, Kane; Miss Ellen Marian Kitchin, Kane; Lawrence William Marks, Smethport; Harvey Stewart Morris, Bradford; Arthur Carlyle Simmons, Port Allegany; Frederick Lownsberry Simmons, Port Allegany; Miss Henrietta Stickman, Eldred; John Joseph Wallace, Crosby; James Ronald Williams Eldred.

Freshmen, Howard Lester Clark, Eldred; Robert Taylor Hamilton, Smethport; Leigh LaVerne Smith Smethport; Kermit Benton Winslow, Crosby.

Two Year Agriculture, Herbert Winfield Irving, Crosby; Lloyd Albert Robbins, Coryville.

THERMOMETER HITS ZERO

Wednesday morning was the coldest of the winter season. At 5 o'clock a. m. several local thermometers registered all the way from one below zero to two and three above. By the noon hour, however, things had warmed up considerably.

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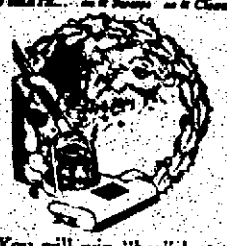
The HOOVER

You will win "her" lasting gratitude if you give her a Hoover for Christmas, because she knows, as all women know, that when you give The Hoover you give the best.
Standard Electric Co.,
316 Main St. Smethport.

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A splendid assortment of Fancy Goods to select from. In addition we have the largest stock of regular merchandise in the city from which sensible Christmas presents can be selected, something that would be appreciated. Our prices are extremely moderate.
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WARNING
Within the next few days Victory Bonds, Treasury Certificates and War Savings Certificates amounting $1,650,000,000.00 will mature and this amount will be paid back to holders of these securities by the United States Government.
Some of this money will come to Smethport and this information is being published to protect our citizens from the peddlers of fake and valueless securities who will be present in greater numbers than ever. Be sure that values of the securities you will be asked to buy have tangible, intrinsic worth, convertible into cash if needs be.
Hamlin Bank & Trust Company
SMETHPORT, PENNA.
"THE BANK THAT TAKES CARE OF ITS CUSTOMERS."

VICINITY NEWS

Adna Burdick has returned to Detroit after spending two months at her home.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewin Stickles, Mrs Otto Okerland, Mrs. Wm. Cooper and Vera Ford were Olean shoppers Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Reeves were Sunday guests at Wm. Brooders.

Robert O'Connor of Olean arrived home Saturday to spend his Christmas vacation.

Gladys Bray and Mrs. Henry Peterson were Olean shoppers Saturday.

Gladys Nourse spent the week-end in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Abbey left Thursday for Williamsport to spend Christmas.

Mrs. Verd Dennis of Eldred spent the week-end with Mrs. B. L. Hyde.

Tom Ralphman spent Sunday in Coryville.

Edith Cory of Kane spent Sunday at Lew Thomas'.

Sarah Armstrong is visiting at F. H. Nourses'.

Mrs. Scully and Mrs. A. G. Abbey were Sunday guests at Hugh Abbey's.

The December meeting of the Women's Foreign Missionary society of the M. E. church will be held in the [illegible] on Tuesday evening at 8 o'clock. The program will be in charge of Mrs. W. C. Daly.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Hafner of Buffalo, N. Y., are guests of the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hafner.

STAR THEATER
Smethport, Pa.

FRIDAY & SATURDAY
December 22-23.
Katherine McDonald in
WOMAN'S SIDE.
Comedy: On Patrol.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 25th.
One Night Only. Freckles Barry in Booth Tarkington's Celebrated Story: PENROD.
You can't afford to miss it. 17c and 28c.

TUESDAY, DEC. 26th.
Mae Murry and David Powell in The Right to Love.
Aesop's Fable.

WEDNESDAY, DEC. 27
Elaine Hammerstein in Reckless Youth.
Pathe News.

PERSONALS

James McKenna, who was operated on at the Bradford hospital for appendicitis, is doing nicely.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Peterson of Colegrove, Monday, December 11, and eight-pound daughter-Charlotte Ruth.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bouton were Bradford visitors Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Brownell and son Rogers of Highland Park, N. J., are the guests of H. M. Choate and family.

Miss Katherine Hamilton and Robert Hamilton who are students at State College, arrived Saturday to spend the holidays with their parents, Dr and Mrs. Robert Hamilton.

Jerome Newman who attends Lawrence Preparatory schol at Lawrenceville, N. J. will spend the holidays with his mother Mrs. Lincoln Green.

Mrs. W. S. Palmer and Miss Eulalia King were Bradford visitors Friday.

St. Margaret's Guild of young girls held a fancy work sale Tuesday afternoon at St. Luke's parish house, under the direction of Mrs. W. E. Van Dyke, and Mrs. H. H. Redfield.

Scott Redfield jr., who is a student at St. Johns Military school, Manlius, N. Y., is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. F. Redfield.

Miss Hannah Hamlin who is studying voice culture in Philadelphia, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. J. Hamlin.

Miss Ruth Summersgill who attends Lock Haven Norm. l school is the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Summersgill during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Morrison were Bradford visitors Friday.

The Misses Mate Connolly, Louise Heath, Belva Ford, Ellen Anderson, and Mrs W. R. Hungerford were in Bradford Saturday.

Mrs. P. Cooney and Miss Marie Malen were Bradford visitors Monday.

Mrs. G. Pickersgill and Mrs. Ted Schmidt were in Olean Monday.

Mrs. Lucinda Stone of Rochester, N. Y. is the guest of Mrs. C. Armstrong.

Miss Carrie McGowan was an Olean visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Bouton, and Mr and Mrs. C Kohn were in Olean, Monday.

Mr and Mrs. E. Larson and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Anderson were in Bradford Saurday.

Miss Mary Geary was in Bradford Thursday.

Miss Margaret Barker who attends school at New Haven, Connecticu, is spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Margaret Barker of East Main street.

Mrs. Bernard Ball entertained the Consonant club Tuesday evening.

The December meeting of the Smethport League of Women voters was held in the Parish House on Wednesday evening at 7:30. Thomas H. Hungiville gave an excellent and informing talk upon "The Result of the Recent Election and its Meaning." Mrs. Maude W. Moore gave a very interesting report of the state meeting of the League which was held in Harrisburg the later part of November.

The members of the Cononada Camp Fire held their annual Christmas supper and Christmas tree at the home of their guardian, Miss Carrie Day, last evening.

Mrs. E. L. Keenan entertained the Victory Bridge club at her home on Main street Thursday evening.

MRS. MARIA CARTER DIES. AT EARLY HOUR THIS A. M.

Mrs. Maria Carter, McKean County pioneer and one of the most widely known women of this vicinity, died at the home of her son, Fred Nourse, south of town, this Thursday morning at 12:30, from infirmities.

The Priscilla club of the M. E. church held its annual sale and supper on Thursday afternoon. Fancy work, aprons, and candy were on sale and a chicken supper was served. The proceeds amounted to about $500.

Mrs. R. Kessler, jr., returned home today for a visit to Wellesley, Mass., and Troy, N. Y. She was accompanied by her daughters, the Misses Nancy and Clara Louise Kessler, who attend the Emma Willard School at Troy.

H. H. Redfield, S. F. Redfield, and O. J. Hamlin are spending a few days in New York.

James Tabor has gone to Fort Worth, Texas, to spend the winter.

Rev. Harold Wass of Belmont, N. Y., is the guest of Rev. and Mrs. Arthur Gregson.

Miss Charlotte Spanogle, who has been attending Allegany College, Meadville, arrived at home, Friday night for her Christmas vacation.

F. M. Spanogle was a Bradford business visitor on Monday.

John M. Ross, who is employed on the Shattuck residence, will spend Christmas in Buffalo.

Mrs. C. C. Choate who has been the guest of her sister, Miss Marguerite Smart of Uniontown, Pa. for several weeks, returned home Tuesday.

Edward Garlick was in Buffalo last week to consult Dr. Plummer.

Margerita and Berna McDade of St. Johns N. B. have been the guests of their cousins, Mr. and Mrs. John Berg, of Crosby, for the past week.

Mrs. Henry Butler has been on the sick list for several weeks.

Mr and Mrs. John Berg of Crosby, and their guests, the Misses Margaret and Berna McDade of St. Johns, N. B. were the guests of Mrs. Henry Butler Friday.

The borough schools will close on Friday for the Christmas recess and reopen on Tuesday, January 2.

Mrs Charles Taylor enertained the Larkin club at a roast pork dinner at the County Home Friday.

William A. Brownell is expected home today from Chicago where he is doing post-graduate work at Chicago University.

Miss Ruth Kessler will arrive to-to-day from Wellesley College, Wellesley, Mass. to spend the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. Kessler, jr.

Miss Edna Freeman, an advance agent for the Swathmore Chautauqua, has arrived in town to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Freeman.

Raphael Kessler, III. is home from Pennsylvania State College to spend the holidays with his perents, Mr. and Mrs. R. Kessler, jr.

Miss Martha Colegrove, who is a student in the Margaret Morrison School at Pittsburgh is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs C. M. Colegrove.

Dr. H. L. McCoy and Rev. W. E. VanDyke have returned from Cleveland, O., to which place they accompanied Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Studholme last week.

Wm. Howe of Pittsburgh was called home the firs of the week by the illness of his father Geo. Howe.

Mrs. Rose Herzog and daughter, Harriet, who attends Indiana Normal school will arrive to-day to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Emma Tretton was a Bradford visitor Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. McCarthy and daughters Ruth and Mary, will spend Chrismas in Buffalo.

Mr. and Mrs. Orville Halpenny entertained the 500 club at their home on Main street Monday evening.

Mrs. Donald Hogarth, and Miss Dorothy Hogarth were Bradford visitors Monday.

Rush Hoit spent the week end at his home in Little Valley.

Robert McCarthy and Herbert Larson, who attend the University of Pittsburgh are spending the holidays with their parents.

Miss Ruth Howe who has a position in Bradford, was called home Monday on account of the serious illness of her father Geo. Howe.

George Howe of East Smethport continues quite ill.

Miss Margaret Workley, Miss Francis Taylor and Miss Alene McCarty arrived home Wednesday from Geneseo normal school to spend the holidays.

Kane's basketball team cleaned up on the local aggregation at the Lyceum last Thursday night to the tune of 43 to 32.

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SOLE AGENT.

Clarence, 14-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Gregory, operated on for appendicitis at the Bradford hospital, last week, is doing so well that expectations of his early recovery are entertained.

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick W. Specht and daughter, Edna Louise, of Altoona, Pa., arrived Monday evening and will spend their Christmas vacation with Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Specht.

The Protective Home Circle will hold a card party at the regular meeting, next Tuesday evening. Members may invite guests.

W. H. Owen and Henry Jordan of the Burbank vicinity brought down two bears and one fine buck while hunting in Potter county this season.

For baskets of fresh cut flowers, also those filled with evergreen and Immortellas and Port Allegany Greenhouse-grown Carnations, Roses, Chrysanthemums, Cherries, Ferns, Callies, etc. call Mrs. Stanley Bright, Weter street. 51-2t

RECIPROCITY DAY PUT ON BY TRAVELERS CLUB PROVES GREAT SUCCESS

Reciprocity Day at the Travelers club on Saturday proved to be a most interesting one. The committee in charge was Miss Emma Tretton, Mrs. R. C. Gleason, Mrs. Jane D. Young, Miss Jennie Biever, and Mrs. J. E. Cather.

Mrs. L. K. Hogarth welcomed the guests in behalf of the Travelers club, after which Mrs. J. E. Cather and Mrs. F. H. Hungiville rendered a beautiful vocal duet. Mrs. A. J. Gallup gave an interesting account of the work of the W. C. T. U. and Mrs. R. Kessler, jr. spoke of the fine work done by the Daughters of the American Revolution along patriotic and educational lines. The members of the Club sang "America the Beautiful" and Mrs. Sarah Richmond told of the helpful work done by the Smethport Red Cross. The League of Women Voters was represented by Miss Carrie A. Day, who emphasized the educational side of the League's work. Mrs. Williams of Bradford sang a delightful solo, after which refreshments were served by the committee.

SMETHPORT BOY WEDS COBLESKILL, N. Y., GIRL.

The marriage of Miss Ethel Mae Somers, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Somers of Cobleskill, N. Y., and Arvid Larson, of Smethport, Pa., was solemnized Monday at 12 o'clock at the home of the bride's parents by Rev. F. C. Kline, pastor of the Methodist Episcopal church of Cobleskill, N. Y.

The attendants were Miss Stella Larson, sister of the groom and Gerret Somers, cousin of the bride.

A reception followed the ceremony for the immediate relatives and a few intimate friends.

After the reception Mr. and Mrs. Larson left for a motor trip to Binghamton, Smethport and Warren, Pa. They will reside at Cobleskill, N. Y.

SUFFERS DEEP GASH.

Peter Kohn, an employe of the glass works, suffered a deep cut over the left eye, Monday, while engaged in his duties. Several stitches were required to close the wound. Mr. Kohn, however, is congratulating himself because the glass narowly escaped hitting his eye.

CLASSIFIED COLUMN

FOR SALE—Farm of 118 acres, on concrete road between Smethport and Bradford; 2 miles from Smethport. House, running water; basement barn 25 head of cattle; 100-ton silo. Will be sold on reasonable terms. Phone 89R22. B. T. Downey. 49tf.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT UNDERWEAR—2,500,000 pc. New Government Wool Underwear purchased by us to sell to the public direct at 75c each. Actual retail value $2.50 each. All sizes, Shirts 34 to 46. Drawers 30 to 44. Send correct sizes. Pay Postman on delivery or send us money order. If underwear is not satisfactory, we will refund money promptly upon request. Dept. 24. The Pilgrim Woolen Co., 1476 Broadway, New York, N. Y. 47-tf.

WANTED—Men or women to take orders for genuine guaranteed hosiery for men, women, and children. Eliminate darning. Salary $50 a week full time, $1.00 an hour spare time. Experience unnecessary. International Stocking Mills, Norristown, Pa. adv42-51

FOR SALE—Owner wishes to dispose of shop which caters exclusively to the well groomed woman. Contains well stocked corset and brassiere department, as well as hair dressing, manicuring and accompanying aides. Established 26 years; exclusive clientile. Prompt investigation; will give details and figures. Address Olean, N. Y., P. O. Box 103.

The OLEAN HERALD gives a most up-to-date account of all the latest news through its full associated Press dispatches. It is one of the livest papers in southern New York and covers a wide range of territory in northwest Pennsylvania.

FOR SALE—Two cows, one light single buggy, one platform wagon, one light Ford truck. M. S. Parker, East Smethport, Pa., Bell phone No. 137-J. adv42-tf

FOR SALE—Six-cylinder Buick, 5-passenger car. Driven only 6,000 miles. Inquire of Doctor Livermore. 51-tf

NOTICE—Call Mather's O. K. Farm for fresh eggs, sweet cider, dressed chickens and buchwheat flour. Phone 179R12. 49tf

RESOLUTION OF RESPECT.

Offered by the members of Nununda Tribe, No. 92, I. O. R. M. upon the death of Brother A. G. Matteson.

Whereas, The Great Spirit in His wise providence has removed to a higher life our brother, A. G. Matteson; be it hereby

Resolved that the members of Nununda Tribe deeply deplore his death and at the same time extend to his bereaved family our sorrow. To his sons and daughter we extend heartfelt sorrow for the loss of a loving father, and to our brother Mr. A. B. Matteson, and to others of his family, we also extend our sympathy.

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the bereaved family, published in the local newspapers and inscribed in our minutes.

E. F. Manwaring,
M. F. McKiernan,
F. S. Benson,
Committe.

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Hamlin Bank & Trust Company for the election of nine directors for the ensuing year and the transaction of such other business as may properly come before the meeting, will be held in the offices of the Company, 333 Main street, Smethport, Penna., Wednesday, January 10th, 1923, at two o'clock in the afternoon.

RALPH E. BURDICK,
Secretary.

Smethport, Pa., Dec. 21, 1922.
adv.51-2t

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BOY OF 6 IS AWARDED $25,000 FOR INJURIES.

Peter Hoffman, jr., aged 6, of Olean was awarded $25,000 for injuries sustained in a coasting accident the night of February 9. As a result of the accident the boy suffered a compound fracture of the left leg and other injuries and spent seven and one-half months in a hospital. The judgment was rendered against the city of Olean, for the reason that council permitted coasting on certain of the hill streets. It is the biggest verdict in a personal injury case in the history of Cattraugus county. The city of Olean has given notification of appeal.

GRANGE AFTER THOMAS.

In all probability Doctor Thomas, president of State College, will be the speaker at the annual Grange picnic at Coryville next August. During a visit to Smethport recently, Doctor Thomas when invited to address the Grange next August stated that he would give the matter his serious consideration, and now certain of the Grange leaders hope to have his positive assurance with the next few days.

GLASS PLANT SHUTS DOWN.

The Interstate glass plant closed down Tuesday until after Christmas. A large number of the employes whose homes are in other cities, left early Wednesday morning. A force of repair men are busy, however, replacing the tanks which will be all in readiness for the workers Tuesday January 2.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

OF KEATING TOWNSHIP ROAD FUNDS. FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 1922, AUDITED IN THE TOWNSHIP DECEMBER 4, 1922

B. E. CURTIS, Sec'y. and Treas., Dr.

Receipts

Balance in Hamlin Bank from last Auditor's Report	$ 238.00
Amount received from Collector Rice	6,483.58
Amount received from County Treasurer	1,960.18
Amount received from Special Road Fund	501.20
Amount received from Road Crusher	200.00
Amount received from Road Crusher	250.00
Amount received from Cornelius	47.00
Total	9,712.56

Cr.

Roadmaster Thomas 1922	425.00
Roadmaster Hewitt	389.50
Roadmaster Cornelius	630.00
Paid Roadmaster's Bal. on 1921	190.00
Teamwork Thomas 1922	121.75
Teamwork Hewitt, 1922	318.50
Teamwork Cornelius,	264.25
Paid Teamwork Bal. on 1921	314.00
By am't paid for labor Thomas 1922	312.25
By am't paid for labor Hewitt	238.00
By am't paid for labor Cornelius	039.60
Paid labor Bal. on 1921	602.50
By amt. paid tractor engine hire Thomas	244.00
By amt. paid tractor engine hire Hewitt	140.00
By amt. paid tractor engine hire Cornelius	287.50
Paid tractor engine hire Bal. on 1921	72.00
By amt. paid for Coll. Fee H. J. Rice	300.87
By amt. paid for Lumber	29.63
By amt. paid for Conveyance and Auto hire	36.00
By amt. paid for Gasoline and Oil	1,290.97
By amt. paid for Supervisors attending Con.	15.00
By amt. paid for Stationery, tele., off. sup.	63.95
By amt. paid for Secretary and Treas. salary	227.98
By amt. paid for Blacksmithing & Repairs	260.26
By amt. paid for Attorney fees	100.00
By amt. paid for Printing and Auditing	218.00
By amt. paid for Freight & Drayage	223.40
By amt. paid for Hardware	236.83
By amt. paid for Int. on Notes	
By amt. paid for Com. on sale of stone crusher	50.00
By amt. paid for Tractor license blanks	1.50
By amt. paid for Grouing Rental	20.00
By amt. paid for State Tax	52.41
By amt. paid for Use of machinery	107.05
By amt. paid for New machinery	885.80
To amt. in Hamlin Bank To bal.	349.33
Total	9,712.56

ROAD BOND FUND, Dr.

To Bal. from last Auditor's Report in Hamlin Bank	237.26
To amt. rec'd from Coll. Rice	1,624.48
To amt. rec'd from Co. Treas. McCann	478.31
Total	2340.05

Cr.

By paid bond No. 1 series A	500.00
By paid bond No. 5 series A	500.00
By paid 25 int. Coupons at 12.50 each	312.50
By paid 25 Int. Coupons at 12.50 each	312.50
To amt. in Hamlin Bank to bal.	716.05
Total	2340.05

ROAD SPECIAL, Dr.

Bal. from last year report in Hamlin Bank	733.75
Rec'd from Coll. Rice	3,407.91
Rec'd from County Treas.	841.37
Total	4983.03

Cr.

By paid bal. on improved roads	810.47
By paid Hamlin Bank loans	1,075.00
By paid Bessie Curtis transfer from road special to road fund	501.20
By paid Int. on Not's	149.70
By paid State Treas. Tax	11.40
Notes for pipe	1,013.10
By paid Hardware	168.74
By paid County Commmissioners for refund	69.68
By paid Insurance	79.92
By paid Approaches to bridges	207.57
By paid For Water troughs	68.00
By paid Labor	152.50
By paid Roadmasters	110.00
By paid Teamwork	73.50
By paid Machinery	12.30
By paid Repairs	50.50
By paid Use of engine	52.50
By paid ground rental	20.00
By paid Oil and Gas	22.25
By paid Lumber	39.32
To amt. in Hamlin Bank to Bal.	300.38
Total	$4,983.03

H. J. RICE IN ACCOUNT WITH KEATING TWP.

Dr.

To bal. on 1921 road duplicate	877.41

Cr.

By amt. paid on 1921 Duplicate	847.47
To amt. due on 1921 Duplicate	29.94
Total	$877.41

Cr.

To bal on 1921 Bond Duplicate	252.56

Cr.

By amt. paid on 1921 Bond Duplicate	245.30
To amt due on 1921 Bond Duplicate	7.26
Total	252.56

Dr.

To bal. on 1921 Road Special	505.74

Cr.

By amt. paid on 1921 Road Special	451.61
To amt due on 1921 Road Special	54.13
Total	505.74

Dr.

To amt. 1922 Road Duplicate	7,087.96
By amt. added after Oct. 1	77.39
Total	7,165.35

Cr.

By amt. paid on 1922 Dup 5% allowed taxpayers	4,721.62
By amt allowed taxpayers 5% discount	248.50
By amt paid on 1922 duplicate at par	570.00
By amt. paid on 1922 duplicate with 5% added	304.78
By amt. of Exonerations	55.61
To amt due from Coll. Rice 1922 Road Dup to bal	1,264.84
Total	7,165.35

Dr.

To amt. of 1922 Bond Duplicate	1,771.99
To amt. of 5% added after Oct. 1	15.48
Total	1,787.47

Cr.

To amt. 5% discount allowed taxpayers	1,130.01
To amt 5% dis. allowed taxpayers until June 1	39.47
To amt paid at par	183.11
To amt with 5% added	89.65
To amt of Exonerations	14.35
To amt due from Col. Rice to Bal.	310.88
Total	1,787.47

Dr.

To amt of Road Special Duplicate 1922	3,543.98
To amt of 5% added after Oct. 1	30.30
Total	3,574.28

Cr.

To amt. paid 5% discount allowed taxpayers	2,653.80
To amt allowed taxpayers 5% discount	134.41
To amt collected at par	249.58
To amt collected 5% added	159.22
To amt of exonerations	28.43
To amt Due from Coll. Rice to Bal.	448.83
Total	3,574.28

RESOURCES OF KEATING TOWNSHIP.

By amt. in Hamlin Bank Road Fund	349.33
By amt in Hamlin Bank Bond Fund	715.05
By amt in Hamlin Bank Road Special	300.38
By amt due from Coll. Rice 1921-1922 Road Dup.	1,294.78
By amt due from Coll. Rice 1921-1922 Bond Dup.	318.14
By amt due from Coll. Rice 1921-1922 Road Special	502.96
Unseated Taxes Estimated Road	235.00
Unseated Taxes Estimated Bond	59.00
Unseated Taxes Estimated Special	117.00
Keating Twp. has machinery on hand Valued at	6,000.00
Liabilities in Excess of Resources	5,673.58
Total	$15,565.22

LIABILITIES OF KEATING TOWNSHIP.

Outstanding Bonds	11,500.00
Outstanding Orders	336.03
Outstanding Bills	2,779.19
Loans from Hamlin Bank	950.00
Total	$15,565.22

We the auditors of Keating Township, having examined the accounts of Treasurer B. E. Curtis and Collector H. J. Rice do find them as above stated.
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Corduroy Bathrobes.....$3.98 to $7.95
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Wool Hosiery ..... $1.00 up to $2.98
Beautiful Persian Blouses $5.00 to$12.50
Silk Jersey and Taffeta Petticoats.
Sweaters and Slipover Sweaters in all styles and colors.
Fur Chokers and Scarfs.
Also Swell Fur Coats make nice presents.
Coats and Dresses at a Big Discount.
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Brassieres 50c each or 3 for $1.00

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Sizes 4 to 12 years, 65c value, ... 3 for $1.00
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TRIS SPEAKER ONCE TELEPHONE LINEMAN

Tris Speaker is a national figure—every one who knows anything about our national game knows this great ball player.

Back in 1906, this popular player was a telephone lineman down in Hillsboro, Texas, happy and contented, pulling down $2.00 a day, with the ambition to get along and eventually become plant chief. His record card, still preserved by the company, shows that he went to work for the Hillsboro Company, September 1, 1906, and in February, 1907, was laid off when work became slack, as he was the last man taken on. It is recorded that he was a good workman and that the telephone company parted with him with regret. Out of a job, Tris devoted himself to baseball in which as an amateur he had made considerable reputation, and the rest is base ball history.

Tris Speaker is accustomed to headlines on the sporting pages of the press of the country, but no tribute could surpass that paid to him by one of his old telephone associates, who said of him: "I remember that Mr. Speaker was always kind and good to his mother."

OPERATORS, LIKE ORATORS, MUST HAVE TRAINED VOICES

Good grammar is as desirable in speech as in business and social correspondence. Clear enunciation emphasizes the use of good grammar. We may pick our words with the greatest care, but the effect is lost if we run them together, or jumble them in our speech.

Distinct speech is a desirable asset, but can be acquired only by practice. We admire the distinct speech of actors and actresses and of some professional platform speakers. Every word they utter is spoken, not sharply, but clearly and plainly.

While occupying places far removed from the public platform, telephone operators, as a class, are as highly trained in the art of speaking as the folks of the stage.

When a telephone operator speaks to you over the wire, every word she says is clear and distinct, even if she repeats only the telephone number you have given her. Clearness in speech is an essential qualification for a place at a telephone switchboard.

If distinct talking is so important on one end of the wire it must be equally important on the other. It is a fact that more than 90 per cent of "wrong number" calls are due to the slurring and indistinct speech of the telephone user. Calling a telephone number distinctly helps to speed up the telephone service.

DOCTOR COMMENDS TELEPHONE WORKER

Cable Splicer Renders First Aid to Injured Man in Most Approved Method.

Omer Kendig, of Harrisburg, Pa., a cable splicer of the Bell Telephone Company, has proven very conclusively that he can administer skilled First Aid treatment. His work has been highly commended by a physician.

While driving near Middletown, Pa., recently he came across an automobile that had been struck by a freight train a few minutes previous to his arrival, painfully injuring one of the occupants. He first made sure that a doctor and an ambulance had been summoned, and then rendered First Aid treatment.

Upon the arrival of the doctor it was found that, due to Mr. Kendig's prompt and effective treatment, it was unnecessary to render further treatment until the injured man was removed to the Hospital.

About 95 per cent of the linemen, cable splicers, installers, etc., employed by the Bell Telephone Company are capable of rendering efficient First Aid in almost any kind of accident or sudden sickness. Mr. Kendig's case is one example of how thoroughly Telephone men are trained in this respect.

HOW TO USE TELEPHONE TO GET HELP IN EMERGENCIES

The telephone is an invaluable aid in emergencies if properly used.

In case of an emergency in which the firemen, or a policeman or an ambulance may be needed, keep cool. Or if you can't keep cool, just keep as cool as you can and reach for your telephone.

Give your call for help to the operator in such a way that your need will be understood. Don't simply shout "Help" and then drop the instrument. The operator will not know what sort of help you want.

The right way to summon help is to say, for example: "I want to report a fire." "I want a policeman." "I want an ambulance."

If you are compelled to leave the telephone before your call is answered be sure to tell the operator where the help is wanted.

METHOD OF RAISING CALVES

Most Economical to Make Use of Good Calf Meal on Farms Where Whole Milk Is Sold.

Where whole milk is sold, undoubtedly the most economical method of raising calves is by the use of a good calf meal. Calves that have been raised properly on calf meal make just as good cows as those raised on whole milk or skim milk.

When Cow Holds Milk.

When a cow persists in holding her milk, a common remedy is to attempt to divert her attention from the operation of milking by providing some tempting food.

Drawback to Dairy.

Perhaps the greatest drawback to the dairy business is that a cow will produce a little milk, no matter what she is fed. Too many dairymen are satisfied with that little bit.

Methods Work Well.

The methods aren't the same, but one works as well as the other—culling hens and culling cows.

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ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICE

Estate of Grant H. Carpenter, late of the Township of Keating, County of McKean, and State of Pennsylvania.

Letters of Administration on the above Estate, have been granted November 3rd, A. D. 1922, by the Register of Wills o fthe said County of McKean to Hamlin Bank and Trust Company of Smethport, in the County aforesaid; request is hereby made to all persons having claims or demands against the estate of the said Decedent to immediately make known the same, and all persons indebted to the said Decedent, to make payment thereof to the said Administrator without delay. Hamlin Bank & Trust Co. Smethport, Pa., Administrator. November 3rd, 1922. Gallup & Potter, Attorneys. Adv45-6t.

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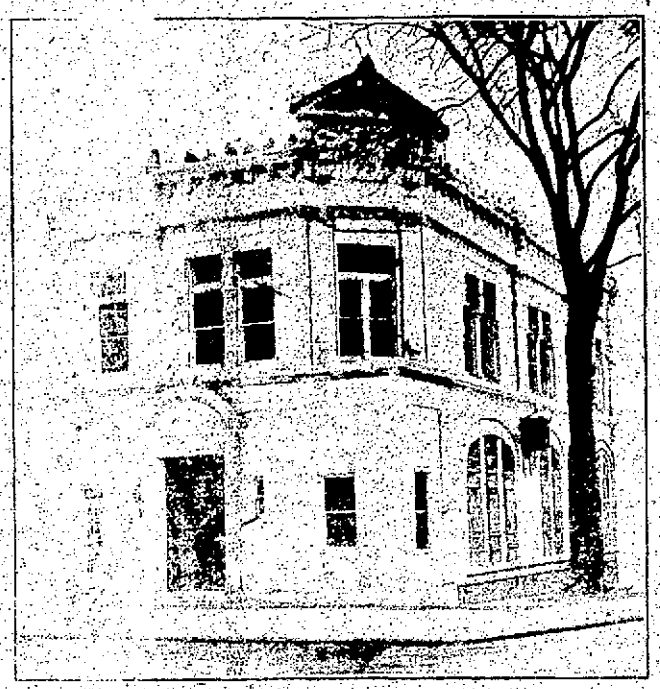

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No Day Has Ever Equalled

The Birthday of Mary's Son

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FOR THOUSANDS OF YEARS THE EXPECTANT WORLD HAD WAITED FOR THE CHRISTMAS THAT CAME WITH ITS WONDERFUL GIFT OVER WHICH ANGELS SANG "PEACE ON EARTH, GOOD WILL TO MEN."

AND NOW COMES CHRISTMAS OF 1922, AND IN ALL THE TRUE SPIRIT OF THE DAY, WE DEPART FOR THE MOMENT FROM THE PATH OF BUSINESS TO OFFER TO OUR CUSTOMERS, AND FRIENDS THE SEASON'S GREETINGS AND SINCERE WISHES FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A MOST PROSPEROUS 1923.

Hamlin Bank & Trust Company

Smethport, Pa.

LARABEE

Justice Ira McCarthy of Eldred was a business visitor in town Tuesday.

Dennis Daley was a business visitor in Port Allegany, Tuesday.

Mrs. R. H. Nichols was a guest of Mr. and Mrs. D. Allen Nichols of Roulette, Wednesday.

Mrs. Vird Dennis was shopping in Olean, Tuesday.

Mrs. Lottie Cameron spent a portion of last week with friends in Olean.

J. T. and Eugene Haynes spent a few days last week hunting at Keating Summit.

Mrs. H. Petersen of Smethport called on Mrs. J. T. Haynes, Friday.

Mrs. Webb Huff of Buffalo was visiting relatives here last week.

Mrs. Lulu Mills, who has been for several weeks a guest of her sister Mrs. Lottie Cameron and Mrs. Anna Hemminger of Canfield, Ohio returned to her home in Pittsburg, Wednesday.

Mrs. J. T. Haynes was an Eldred shopper, Tuesday.

Mrs. Vird Dennis was a guest of Mrs. Forrest Clement of Eldred one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Carey went to Olean last Saturday to have an X-Ray picture taken of Mr. Carey's foot which was injured recently while he was working around well number 2 on the Hitchcock farm. The exposure showed that no bones were broken and the foot is healing nicely.

Cecil Baker of Bradford was a business visitor in town Saturday.

Mrs. June H minger and Mrs. Emma Mills were Port Allegany visitors, Saturday.

Mrs. Lena Raszmann was shopping in Port Allegany, Thursday.

Miss Ruth Carpenter was an Olean shopper, Saturday.

Mrs. Bertie Cameron was a guest of Mrs. Vird Dennis, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Mrs. Bessie Merrill of Wrights was visiting friends here Saturday.

Mrs. Wm. Galusha of Eldred was a Sunday guest of Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Carpenter.

J. T. Haynes was a business visitor in Smethport Monday.

Mrs. F. D. Pendleton spent Saturday with Mrs. R. H. Frisbee of Eldred.

Mr. and Mrs. Vird Dennis and children were guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Loop of Indian Creek Sunday.

Eugene Haynes of Sartwell was a guest of Mrs. J. T. Haynes, Monday.

Wm. Blake was an Eldred visitor Monday.

Well No. 2 on the Hitchcock farm in Slack Hollow, which was drilled in and shot on Wednesday, had a good showing of oil and gas it being better than well number 1, which was drilled in on the Hitchcock farm a few weeks ago. The company have leased many acres in that vicinity and expect to continue drilling.

Perry Evans of Annin Creek and Hazel Dawley of Smethport were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Raszmann.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Haynes and children were shopping in Olean, Saturday.

ORPHANS COURT HEARS MAGNER WILL CASE SET FOR JANUARY 8, '23

As forecast exclusively by The Minor, last week, the John Magner will contest will be decided by the Orphans' court, January 8, 1923, having been set as the date for the hearing.

The plaintiffs in the case, who allege that they are heirs by reason of a previous will, namely, Mrs. P. Boyle, Mrs. Jean Boyle, W. Boyle and W. Driscoll, are represented by Attorney Guy B. Mayo of Smethport, and Attorneys Mullin and Woods of Kane. Rev. Father Donahue, beneficiary under the will, is represented by Attorney C. W. Shattuck of Smethport and Wilson and Fitzgibbon of Bradford. The estate is said to be valued at between $70,000 and $80,000.

CORYVILLE ITEMS.

The Coryville Grange will have a Christmas tree on Saturday evening. Everyone invited. Bring a ten cent present and candy or popcorn.

Nelson Rice was in Eldred Saturday, on a business trip.

E. A. Guenter was a business caller in Eldred Friday.

Frank Chick and Prof. Willman were in Olean buying Christmas presents, Saturday.

E. D. Fairchilds was in Portville, Thursday.

Gus Gardner was having dental work done in Port Allegany, Wednesday.

Orville Tuttle has secured a position in Olean, in the machine shop.

Dr. Glen Rice was in Olean on business connected with his Kent Hollow work, Tuesday.

George Reese had a very narrow escape from death when a scaffold broke and threw him to the ground, while at work on a building at Portville. A wrenched back and a badly bruised hip were the extent of his injuries.

G. O. Reese received a message from Hyattsville, Md., Saturday, notifying him of the serious illness of his brother, Arthur, at the home of a daughter, at that place, with very small chance of recovery.

Mrs. Ruben Prentiss of Olean was a week end visitor at the home of Mrs. Fairchild.

Christmas services at the U. B. church on Friday evening. Everyone invited.

Earl Carpenter delivered a load of pork to parties in Smethport, on Saturday.

DOGS AND FISHING TAGS READY FOR ALL COMERS.

Dog tags and fishing tags for 1923 have been received at the office of County Treasurer McCann and are ready for immediate distribution. Under the law all fishermen must wear a badge corresponding with their license number. The new badge is one and three-fourths inches in diameter and from a distance resembles a piece of cheese cut in circular form. Close inspection, however, reveals a keystone emblem on a yellow background bearing the license number.

One who is looking for a soft snap travels a hard road.

TURTLE POINT

Lots of snow and lots of hunters in this vicinity.

T. F. Hughes killed two dandy foxes last week.

Fred Nunn and Will Leet expect to go to hauling chemical wood to the Turtle Point station for Mr. Tracy of Olean.

Mrs McGill made several trips to Port Allegany last week on account of the death of her brother's 11-months-old child. Mr. and Mrs. Mullin have much sympathy from the Turtle Point people.

Mr. Edd. McGill was seen on our streets last Sunday.

Ben Taylor, who was not able to attend court last week, is no better at this writing. His daughter from Olean is expected to come and help care for him.

On account of the bad roads the mail carrier is compelled to make his trips with a horse.

John Case was in Turtle Point Monday.

Will Blair from Klondike, Pa., being on jury last week and being discharged Tuesday, decided to visit his father at Roulette before returning home, and stopped off at Turtle Point to see friends.

Charles Simar, is doing some papering for Rodney Simar.

Mrs. Ernest Lindsay is cleaning house now for Mrs. Rodney Simar.

COLEGROVE

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. McAllister and daughter Ruth, were Smethport visitors Saturday.

Mrs. C. B. Petersen was an Olean visitor Monday.

The "Sports" played Smethport High Second team Saturday evening at Crosby. Smethport was defeated with a score of 26 to 24.

Mr. and Mrs. James McCurdy and daughter Dora, were Smethport visitors Saturday.

Several Colegrove people attended the Basket Ball game at Crosby, Saturday evening.

Miss Rena Anderson of Grove City is home for her Christmas vacation.

Beverly Mason and family of Crosby spent Sunday evening with C. C. Mason and family.

The Colegrove school is going to have its entertainment Friday afternoon.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Austin—On complaint to the health office, investigation was made Saturday of the home of Charles Ballou, between Austin and Keating Summit. A girl named Bailey, aged 17, and two small children were found in a nearly naked and destitute condition. When a committee arrived with a supply of clothing and other necessities, they found that the family had left for parts unknown.

Hazelhurst—The report that this town is on its last legs, is erroneous. True, many industries have left and the town was a thriving community a few years ago, but residents have not given up. Efforts now under way give promise of renewed prosperity in the near future.

Bradford—In response to efforts of the chamber of commerce, the Erie Railroad Co. has agreed to run one train a day between Bradford and Salamanca. It leaves each morning, connecting with No. 6 for New York, and returns in the evening.

Eldred—The bayou near Knapp's creek is reported to be dried up. The bayou has been the skating place for young people for years, and this is the first time it has ever been known to be void of water.

Clearfield—There are 40 cases of typhoid fever in Morris township, this county and three more suspects with symptoms. While there have been no deaths, a number of the patients are very ill.

Coudersport—Asa Freeland Raymond, 79, oldest resident of this county, died last Friday evening.

Shinglehouse—Hon. W. W. Crittenden, aged, 70, of Oswayo, died Monday, December 11.

Mt. Jewett—Peter Miller, 54, was found dead in his room, Wednesday afternoon after having been missed for several days. Stomach trouble is the cause assigned.

What To Give Is The Question.

Our store answers this perplexing problem through a wide variety of sensible gifts that are useful and acceptable, for all gift giving purposes.

BOOKS.

Large assortment of Copyrights to choose from. Boys books, Boy Scouts, Ellis and Uncle Sam, Army and Navy, Girls Books, Three Little Women Series, Girl Scouts, Miss Pat's series Red Cross Girls, and The Camp Fire Girls, FOR THE LITTLE FOLKS, Anderson's Fairy Tales, The Cherry Book Picture and Paint Book. 10c to $1.50.

ARROW SHIRTS.

Mens arrow shirts in the snappy pattern and good coloring one has the right to expect of the Famous Arrow Shirt. All sizes, $1.25 to $6.75.

WOOL SOX.

Fine assortment of men's woolen hose in heather mixtures and fancy or plain colors, 39c to $1.35.

GIFTS FOR MEN.

Many sensible and useful gifts that will make it easy for you to win a man's heart thanks on Christmas morning. Silk hose, Ties, Suspenders, Pajamas, Arrow Shirts and Collars, Scarfs, Gloves, Jewelry, Stick pins, Buckles, Cuff links and Novelties.

BAGS AND PURSES.

The newest in hand bags and strap back hand purses. A gift that is always acceptable. 50c to $8.50.

BLOOMERS AND VESTS.

Silk and Jersey knit bloomers and Vests in white and Flesh. 85c to $4.25.

DOLLS, GAMES AND TOYS.

Cannons, Guns, Trains, Blocks, Games Paint Sets, Puzzles, Dishes, Pencil Boxes, Balls and Dolls of all kinds.

THE FRY CO., Smethport, Pa.

FACTS ON ILLITERACY.

1. The United States has the highest percentage of illiteracy among the enlightened nations of the world.

Country	per cent
Germany	2.
Denmark	2.
Switzerland	.5
Netherlands	.6
Finland	.9
Norway	1.0
Sweden	1.0
Scotland	1.6
England and Wales	1.8
France	4.9
United States	6.0

In Germany, Denmark, Norway and other countries mentioned above there is practically no illiteracy except those suffering from certain mental and physical defects.

At the present rate of decrease in illiteracy in this country, as shown in above article on illiteracy there are 4,931,905 illiterates with a decrease in the number of illiterates of 58,000 per year. At this rate illiteracy will not disappear in this country for eighty-four years.

Illiterates over twenty-one years of age could have outvoted the states of Pennsylvania, Maine, Michigan, Alabama, and California. There was one adult illiterate in the country for every six persons who voted for President at the last election.

2. The definition of illiteracy used in the Federal Census cannot be accepted in a democracy.

The fact that there were nearly 5,000,000 illiterates in this country in 1920 has a new significance when it is realized that the census is taken under the following rules:

A. A person must confess that he is illiterate to be enumerated. No test to determine illiteracy is made by the enumerator.

B. If a person has even the slightest amount of schooling he is not classed as an illiterate.

C. The Federal illiteracy figures should be understood as representing only those persons who have had no schooling whatever.

3. What is illiteracy? The mere ability to write one's name may be considered sufficient for the great mass of those living in an absolute monarchy. In a democracy where all may vote such a low standard cannot be accepted.

A person is not really literate in a democracy until he is able to read and write with a degree of ease necessary to the intelligent discharge of his duties as a citizen.

4. When measured by this standard the Army Draft showed four times as great a percentage of illiteracy in our population as was shown by the Federal census.

A. The Draft Board examined 1,552,256 men and found a percentage of 24.9 illiterate.

B. Illiteracy in the draft meant a lack of ability to read and understand newspapers and write letters home, using the English language.

C. It is beside the point to quibble over what standard shall be used to measure illiteracy. The question of importance is this: In a democracy in which universal suffrage is in force can we safely disregard the fact that five million of our population are absolute and confessed illiterates, and that 24.9 per cent of our young men are so limited in their command of the English language that they are unable to read and understand newspapers and write letters home.

SPECIAL **SUGAR** SPECIAL

7 1-2c POUND

FOR YOUR XMAS DINNER		GOOD THINGS FOR CHRISTMAS.	
Pocono Peas, can	20c	Mixed nuts per lb.	25c
Olives, Pint Jars	25c	Raisins cluster, per lb	35c
Pocono Corn, can	16c	Walnuts	38c
Pumpkin large can	15c	Lemon Peel, lb.	28c
Mince Meat, pkg	15c	Dates Rajah pkg.	18c
Jams, Jar	25c	Popping corn pkg	07c
Peaches, can	35c	Figs, Eberly, Jar	25c
Grape Juice, pint bot	25c	Peanut Brittle, lb	22c
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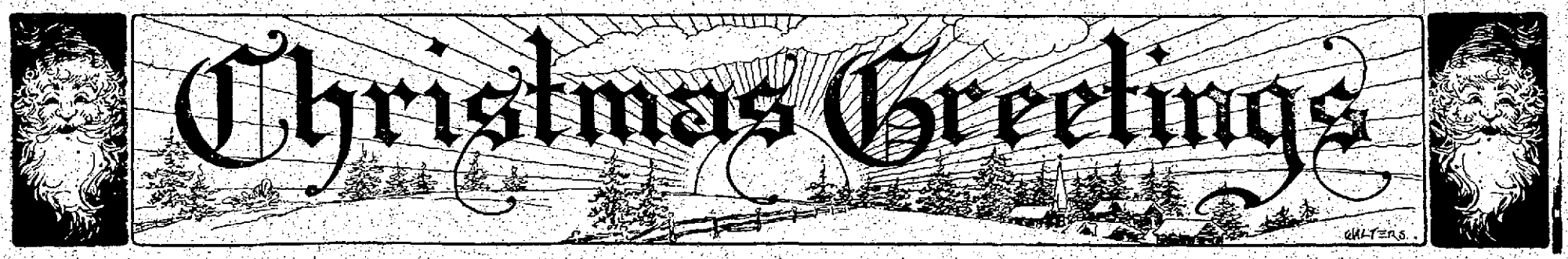

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WHEN December snows appear, when the nights are crisp and clear, chilly do the north winds blow and we walk on crunchy snow, gazing at a wintry moon—Christmas time is coming soon!

When the stores are trimmed in green with poinsettias in between, on the shelves are books and toys, dolls and drums for girls and boys; tinkling sounds the glockenspiel and you hear sweet maghine's peal, or the tin horns' trumpet blast—Christmas time is coming fast!

When the house smells—oh, so good, mother's cooking wondrous food, glorious odors flanting by, spice and plums are, stirred in pie. In the morning when you wake sniff the air that's chocolate cake! Ring, ring, ring! the door bell's chime, postman says: "It's Christmas time!"

When you shop and sew and hurry, loving all the bustle. Scurry quick for hiding place lest she guess it from your face that this bulky box contains mother's gift you've made with pains. When you've hickory nuts to crack, trips to make to town and back, Yuletide crinkles in the air—Merry Christmas everywhere!

Then at length comes Christmas eve, Mother, mine can you believe that tomorrow is the time happy cause of all my rhyme? Wreaths and greens and stockings hung, answering bell that's rung and rung: Off to bed—a little sleep—seems a moment, then you peep, fling the covers quick away. Yes! at last it's Christmas Day!—Grit.

A HINT TO MEN

WHEN she tells you she doesn't want you to bother about giving her a Christmas present don't pay any attention. You know yourself how hurt you would be if she didn't get you one of those ties about which you could boast to your men friends that "you had to wear it once just so the little girl's feelings wouldn't be hurt." And you know, and they know, that you want to let the world know that the "little girl" struggled with the other women to get to the center of the tie counter so she could pick out something for you in her sweet and loving ignorance.

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The Man of The Hour

Christmas in the Country

by Martha B. Thomas

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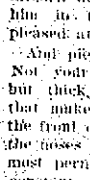

YOU are fortunate enough to live in the country then your are all right; if you are unfortunate enough to live in the city, then you'll have to pretend for a little while that you are in the country. There is nothing to equal it at Christmas time. Let me tell you about it.

A week before Christmas you scurry around and find as many big bags as you can—burlap bags that probably came filled with grain. Then you buckle on your arctics, draw on your mittens, wind a muffler around your throat, make sure your ears are protected, and start for the woods. Under the snow are the green fingers of ground pine, or crow's foot. Yards and yards of it come up when you pull. It looks as fresh and contented as though it grew in a comfortable conservatory, instead of cuddling under a frozen blanket. You stuff great quantities of this delightful Christmas trimming into the bags, and you are sure that the woods in winter are much superior than at any other time. Then you come home with your fragrant bags slung over your should ders and the car filled with pancakes, and maple syrup high as a pagoda!

Then think of the string, the scissors, the aprons and the fun of making wreaths. The whole family devotes an entire afternoon to it, and get into friendly squabbles about the length, breadth and thickness of their respective products. Everyone is perfectly sure that none can equal his!

And we have said nothing at all about driving four miles back in the hills to buy the largest turkey that ever graced a platter, and how there was no room for anybody else when the prodigious bird was landed in the wagon, and how the head of the kitchen declared she never could get him in the oven, but seemed very pleased at his noble appearance!

And pies! Bless us, the P-I-E-S! Not your thin, anaemic characters, but thick, round succulent beauties that make your nose sniff as far as the front of the house. I have known the noses of small boys to become almost permanently wrinkled from the constant exercise thus stimulated by the aroma of pumpkin pies. It is a dangerous period, this time of cooking and baking. If you are accustomed to maintaining a solemn expression I warn you to keep away from country houses if you are fond of keeping your countenance intact! Then, of course, a Christmas tree has to be found. This is even more fun than going after greens. A rope, an ax with a responsible edge that understands the duty required of it, and as many people as you can muster to take part in the expedition. Such laughing, such stumbling, such falling down of persons who forget that feet need to be wary of running vines and dead briars, such mirth over the young man who unwittingly winds himself up in a bramble bush and has to be uncoiled. And best of all, the terrible arguments about selecting the right tree. There is no fun like this.

And if on Christmas day you don't wish for a stomach as big as a blimp, then you are not the person I thought you!

Christmas in the country? Well . . . rather!

Dressing.

Three-quarters cut sugar, ½ cup pineapple juice, juice of one lemon, 1 heaping teaspoonful flour, 2 ... well beaten. Cook all together ... it thickens. When cool and ... serve add ½ pint of ... and spread on top of ... been placed on le...

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FILLING THE STOCKING

For little children everywhere
A joyous season still we make;
We bring our precious gifts to them,
Even for the dear child Jesus' sake.
—Phoebe Cary.

WHERE there are children the Christmas stocking should never be forgotten. Nothing can take the place of it, for nothing else arouses quite so much speculation and pleasurable anticipation as what Santa Claus may put into that homely article.

The general distribution of gifts may well take place after breakfast is out of the way; but no child can be expected to wait very long for the "feel" of something old Santa has left. If all his gifts are given immediately on waking, excitement will run high, and dressing and breakfast will be gone through with great difficulty. Also, a considerable quantity of candy and nuts will have vanished before the morning meal is served, and with them will have disappeared all signs of an appetite.

As a means of avoiding these conditions the Christmas stocking serves a good purpose. Carefully filled it will satisfy the child's longing for "Christmas the first thing in the morning," will give him a taste of Christmas goodies without destroying his appetite for breakfast, and will leave sufficient expectancy concerning the other things coming so that he will readily submit to being properly bathed and dressed.

An orange for the toe of the stocking, some especially desired toy which will prove of untold interest, some article of dress in which he can "parade around," a handful of popcorn, a small box of animal crackers and a stick or cane of pure sugar candy should make a stocking sufficiently bulging to please any child. All the food it contains can be consumed without continual warnings of "Don't eat too much now," or "Better save the rest until breakfast." The toy and the one other gift will hold the child's interest until every one is assembled for the big distribution, which need not be hurried.—Margaret Bartlett in Farm Journal.

YULETIDE AND CUPID

"WITH Christmas there comes to every detached man a strange, insistent urge to fulfill the promise to realize the purpose for which he is born, to become the head of a house, a home, a family," writes Anna Steese Richardson in McCall's. "He feels a gripping desire to stand first in someone's life.

"He may be able to withstand the lure of a lovely face, as close to his as the modern dance decrees, a one-piece bathing suit, or, when the corner grocer banks his sidewalk with trees; when the florist ties crimson ribbon on crackling holly; when happy, wide-awake children overflow toyshops, even a confirmed bachelor wants a woman of his own, a wife.

"And in this hour of weakened defenses lies the marriageable woman's great opportunity.

"By the term 'marriageable woman' I mean any woman between sixteen and sixty!

"Just as Easter week and the first fortnight of June bring long lines to license clerks and marrying parsons, so do certain days represent what we might call the open season for bagging husbands.

"Christmas is one of them.

"Now some women, especially those past thirty, are going to gasp right here, in a state of virtuous horror.

"'No nice' woman stalks a man, and there can be no happiness in marriage unless the man, and not the woman, has been the pursuer!

"Theoretically, the above sentiments are sound. Practically they are relics of the Victorian age. The shame of pursuing a man lies not in the object but in the methods used. For man wants to be pursued and lauded by painless and invisible methods. He wants to marry. He recognizes that certain privileges and dignities can be acquired through marriage only. These include running a lawn-mower over his own grass, telling some outwardly meek woman that if he run his business as she runs her house they'd starve to death, and repeating to his suffering clerks the latest clever sayings of "that kid of ours."

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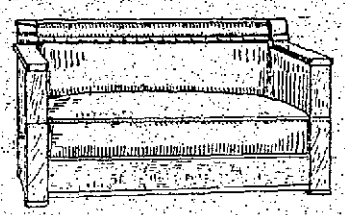

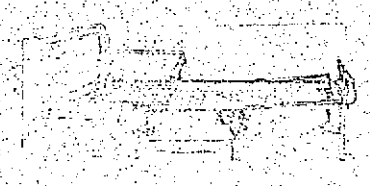

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VISION

LAST night I crept across the snow
Where only tracking rabbits go,
And there I waited quite alone
Until the Christmas radiance shone.

At midnight twenty angels came,
Each white and shining like a flame,
At midnight twenty angels sang,
The stars swung out like bells, and rang.

They lifted me across the hill,
They bore me in their arms until
A greater glory dazzled them,
It was the town of Bethlehem.

And gently, then, they set me down,
All worshiping that holy town,
And gently, then, they bade me raise
My head to worship and to praise.

And gently, then, the Christ smiled down,
Ah, there was glory in that town!
It was as if the world were free
And glistening in purity.

There, in that vault of crystal blue,
It was as if the world were new,
And myriad angels, tile on tile,
Gloried in the Christ-child's smile.

It was so beautiful to see,
Such glory for a child like me,
So beautiful, it does not seem
It could have been a Christmas dream!
—John Farrar, in The World Magazine.

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The Corner Drug Store

IN QUEST of SANTA ON SKIS

by Eleanor E. King

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THERE were three things that Ralph thoroughly enjoyed—the West, skiing and adventure. He and three other fellows about his age, ranging from nine to twelve had been skiing all morning. The whole surrounding country was mountainous and the boys had no trouble finding places to ski.

"Well, fellows," said Ralph, poised for action at the top of the hill, "I'm off. Here begins my great quest for Santa Claus" and he made a low bow, scraping the snow with his cap. "So long," and he was gone.

"Good luck," called the fellows.

He seemed to go on and on at a remarkable speed after he reached the bottom. The boys stood and watched him skim over the snow out of sight.

Ralph went on for two or three miles this way. Then he came to a wooded strip. His ruddy cheeks glowed with delight, as he thought of the adventures he might have here.

The farther into the forest he got, the darker it grew, until finally Ralph couldn't see his hand before his face. There was only one thing he knew of to do—feel his way out. That was a slow process, but Ralph thought any way out of this dark hole would suit him. In his search for a way out, he found a place where the snow seemed to go almost straight up. It occurred to him that this might be the side of a mountain, and if he could get up high enough he would come to daylight.

Had a Bull's Head and Horns.

He slid down, several times, got badly scratched on brambles, but that didn't bother him in the least. He was determined to get out of the forest. The mountain proved to be quite high and after an hour or so of climbing Ralph sat down to rest in the snow. Say, sure enough—a place where he could rest, eat something to eat and get warm.

Ralph didn't rest long, he wanted to get to the top. It was a queer little place, he found upon reaching it. It looked as though a puff of wind would be enough to blow it over.

Ralph knocked at the door very gently for fear of knocking the house down. The door opened, but Ralph started back with surprise, for the object before him had a bull's head and horns, and a man's body, cloven hoofs and a long tail.

"Well, my boy," said the creature, "what are you here for? Did you come to help me? I usually have some boys come about Christmas time." Ralph gave a shudder. So this was his beloved Santa Claus, who looked and talked like this. Why hadn't someone told him?

"Who are you?" stammered Ralph, getting up his courage. "Are you Santa Claus?"

The creature burst out laughing. It sounded like thunder. He held his sides and rocked with laughter.

Reaches Santa Claus' Castle.

Ralph didn't know what to do now—was he going to laugh himself to death? Well, he rather hoped he would.

Then the creature finally composed himself to say, "No," but I fellow up Santa with my helpers. We break up the toys for the children that they get for Christmas. You stay here tonight, with me and then go along with us. It's great sport breaking up toys."

"No, I can't stay," said Ralph, backing away. "I am in quest of Santa Claus."

The beast doubled up with laughter again. Ralph thought this an opportune time to make his getaway, so he put on his skis and and started down the mountain. Dangerous? Anything was better than staying with that beast.

Ralph seemed to be coming to a wall. He jumped, landed squarely and skimmed along the snow for a mile or more. Looking up (he hadn't had time to do this before), he beheld in front of him a great castle, covered with turrets and towers.

"Now, what have I gotten into?" said Ralph, aloud. He knocked at the door and was admitted by two queer looking fairies.

"Who are you, and who lives here?" queried Ralph. "Do you go around breaking up toys, too?"

"Now, you're laughing, too."

"Why, this is Santa Claus' castle you're in," answered the fairies.

Ralph let out a yell of delight, throwing his cap into the air. "Well, what's all this noise?" demanded a large, rather round, jolly-faced man who entered the hall.

"You're the one I came all the way to see. I wonder if you would be too busy to take me through your workshops?"

"No, of course I'm not. Come right along.

"You see, I have my castle divided into two parts. One side, where they make toys for girls, and the other side entirely devoted to boys. I suppose that's where you want to go?"

"Sure!" came the reply.

"In this room"—he opened the door—"I am perfecting an airplane that a boy about your age can run and manage easily."

Ralph was all eyes. He couldn't say enough.

"Get in and try it."

"Now, in the next room," he continued, "I am perfecting a motor that will take you up the hill after your coast down."

After they had made a tour of all the rooms, Ralph said he ought to be going.

"Well, I want you to see something else out in the garage that helps me to get around better. You see, I have my car all fixed up," said Santa. "I put chains on my back wheels, and then, taking off the front tires, I rivet these runners onto the rims."

"Those wheels fit in the curves of the runners, don't they?"

"Yes, I made them to fit that way."

"Jump in, Ralph, and I'll show you how my runners work. Incidentally, I'll take you through my tunnel, so you won't have to pass that horrid creature's house that you were telling me about."

"That was fine!" exclaimed Ralph, when Santa stopped, his eyes shining. "I'm so glad I had this adventure. I'll get home fine from here. So long, Santa!"

December Twenty-Fifth.

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THE sons and daughters of men are of two classes—not the rich or the poor, not the young or the old, not liberals or conservatives, nor even Aristotelians or Platonists, but those who believe in Santa Claus and those who do not.

Children are of the first and more glorious family. Hence they grow; hence they burst with life. They believe, and so have faith, that good comes riding out of the air, with jingling bells and prancing reindeer, its pack crammed with gifts, its round and smiling coachman breathing benevolence and cheerliness and hastening to fulfill every wish that is dreamed on dented pillow. Alas! when doubt creeps in, when the eyes and ears of the spirit no longer see or hear and demand comes for physical evidence, then all the high faculties wither and pass away.

The walls of the prison house tend to close around the growing child. He credits the slander that there is no Santa Claus. Poison enters into him and he degenerates into an animal that merely touches or tastes. Thrice blessed are they who are able to keep an imagination green and lusty and to subdue or drive away all forces that would throttle it. The rites of Christmas, after all, are mainly for the old folks, their observance representing the instinct to keep alive the divine spark of youth. A little one that no longer petitions good St. Nick is a sad spectacle; even sadder is the man or woman to whom his myth has lost its savor. To such when the sun goes down and the west fades the heavens fill with no shining stars.

The period through which mankind has passed has been marked by a duel between those who hope and those who despair—between those who believe in Santa Claus and those who do not. Let us rejoice that the quivering balance is now definitely inclining to the better side. Be young, be forever young—never has the old text been more vindicated than in these days.

Unclogged with prudence and limping with no rheumatism, youth, shouting to laggards, "Would you live forever?" plunged forward through four terrible years, furnishing new recruits for respecting humanity. Then came the sere and yellow leaf of the stay-at-homes. They sought to turn off fountains of faith. But, happily, their grip is loosening and the sweet flow again. Whether you [illegible] hangs up stockings [illegible] self, Mr. or Mrs. [illegible] own credulity.—Tribune.

CHRISTMAS NOVELTIES

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The Christmas Shopper

The Word "Xmas"

THE use of "Xmas" to denote Christmas, refuses to die out, although every sort of attack has been made upon it. Newspapers, church societies go right ahead. It began back in the days of the catacombs, when the Greek letter "X" was used to designate the word Christ, it being the initial letter in the Greek spelling of the name.

The usage of the abbreviation became more and more popular in England years afterward when spelling was not the strong point of the average citizen, and "Xmas" was much

A CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION

By ELEANOR E. KING

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TWO young girls were standing in front of one of the counters in a large department store. They were well dressed and gave the appearance of coming from wealthy, refined homes.

"There is no use talking, Christmas is just a bore to me. I know before I open a present that everything I have mentioned as wanting is here before me."

"Yes, I know," returned her friend. "You never do have much mystery over what you are going to get for Christmas—or any time," she added.

A rather trim looking woman who had been standing near them, waiting for change, now stepped up.

"Pardon me, but I couldn't help hearing part of your conversation." She handed the girls her card. "I think I am the possessor of the keys to your happiness—at Christmas time—and I just had to tell you."

"My name is Betty Wentworth, and this is my friend Janis Hamilton, Miss Harper. I have heard lots about your work here in the city. I would be only too glad to try the key you speak of and see if it would fit."

"Good. Come to my office at ten tomorrow, and I will tell you more about it."

Betty went. She spent a pleasant hour or so talking with Miss Harper, and left fifty dollars to cover the expenses involved.

Instead of sleeping late Christmas morning as she usually did, Betty was up and dressed at eight. She called for the machine and took it to Miss Harper's office.

The room was piled high with baskets containing fruit, canned goods, candy and toys. Necessaries which Miss Harper knew only too well, her poor people needed.

They piled them in the machine. Then under Miss Harper's guidance, they were left at the homes of the most needy in her district.

Betty had the time of her life. She couldn't h[e] that a little basket full o[f] and toys could create [s]uch recipients couldn't [s]mile. When they re[turned] Betty said: "My, [h]ow surely fit. I [h]ave a wonderful [i]dea couldn't think [o]f. I go right and give

HOW DOES SANTA GET HIS MAIL?

By Charles Frederick Wadsworth

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I'LL bet old Santa Claus is gettin' letters by the ton
From boys an' girls that's 'fraid he will forget;
I don't see how he takes the time to open every one
There's lots o' toys he hasn't dropped yet.

But then, he knows how many kids will look for him to come
An' all the year he's making something new;
An' that old shop o' his, I know he makes it run,
An' Mr. Santa Claus, I bet, can hustle, too.

But how does Santa get his mail—that's what I'd like to know.
The postmen couldn't carry it, I'm sure;
It's not so many miles an' miles an' miles in snow,
An' nothin' like a little pleasure tour.

Jes' think of all the hundred-thousand million million tots
That told old Santa what they want this year;
An' even in this town o' ours there's lots an' lots an' lots
O' kids that wrote an' mailed their letters here.

There's Johnny Jones that wants a hat, and Jimmy wants a ball,
An' Harold Brown an' engine that will run;
An' Lucy Smith a doll that talks, an' Bess a carasel
An' little Eddie Davis wants a gun.

There's Harry Green whose daddy's store has everything there is,
But Harry thinks that nothin' there will do;
A baby sister's what he wants, an' one that's truly his,
An' maybe Santa Claus'll bring him two!

Then think o' all the other towns an' cities 'round the earth,
An' all the children sendin' Santa word
To make each little home a place o' gladness, joy and mirth,
Where Christmas noise an' laughter may be heard.

To be Santa hitches up his reindeer to a sleigh
But ain't the mail that tells him what to do;
The present I hope each kid will have today
Is just the present he wanted most. Don't you?

The Big Old House in the Little Old Town

WELL, Christmas is coming, and all the day long
My thoughts have been running away,
With an echoing laugh and the lilt of a song
To an old-fashioned Christmas day—
To a big old house in a little old town,
Where you and the others and I
Made merry together, with never a frown
And never a thought of a sigh.

The big old house in the little old town,
Oh, how it would rock with our mirth,
And gather us gladly and cuddle us down,
The bunkest place on the earth.
It wasn't upholstered in tapestries rare,
(I can see the old window-seat yet),
It may have been shabby a bit here and there—
Well, those are the things we forget.

But, oh! the mysterious secrets it knew,
That old house, when Christmas was coming,
And the laughter and fun rinking through it and through,
And the voices and somebody humming;
And the hour when around the piano we'd meet,
Yes, even in busy December,
For an old Christmas hymn with its harmony sweet—
Ah, those are the things we remember.

And then you recall how the midnight train down
Would bring back a sister or brothers,
To the big old house in the little old town,
Where Christmas meant home and the others,
And the old house was looking its holiday best,
And the table all spread for the feast;
With an extra chair set for the holiday guest,
Some stranger, "one of the least."

The big old house in the little old town—
They tell me the years are unkind,
It looks bare and neglected, its fence tumbles down,
Since we scattered and left it behind.
No, I haven't been back; I would rather recall
The days of its glory gone by,
When we fled to its arms for the best day of all,
You and the others and I.

Grace Strickler Dawson, in Kansas City Star.

JUST SO.

He: What's the proper thing for a fellow to give his fiancee for Christmas?

She: Oh, anything that costs

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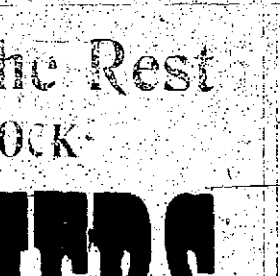

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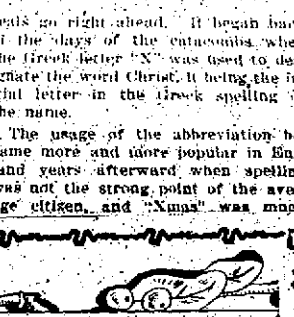

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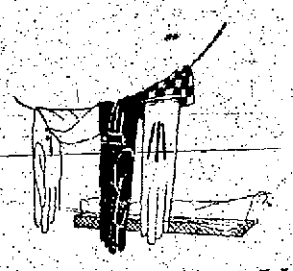

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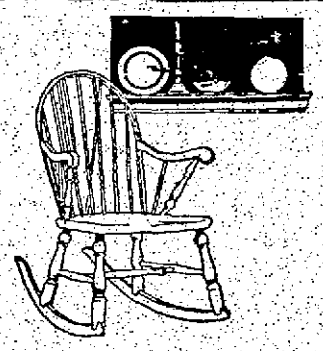

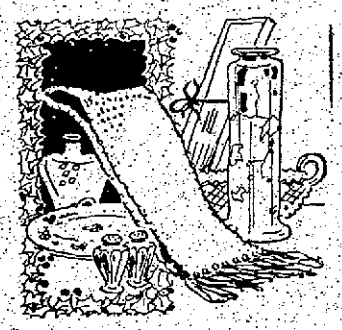

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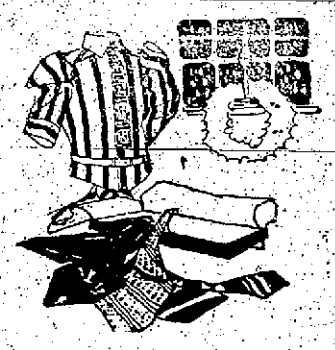

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TASK OF SHOPPER

Forethought Necessary in Selecting Toys for Kiddies.

Articles That Lead to Constructive Play Urged by Primary School Teacher.

THE nice art of toy selection, in anticipation of the Christmas season, recently was discussed by a primary teacher of the Indianapolis Normal school before a group of parents and teachers.

The leading thought of the lectures was the need of choosing playthings that will lead the child to dramatic or constructive play of its own invention, and conversely, the avoidance of playthings that are perfect or total, in the sense that they speak to the child's admiration only, and suggest to it nothing that means action or effort on its own part.

The toy shopper, as his task was treated by the teacher, has more to do than to collect at random and take home in triumph a truck load of baubles.

"The thought used to be," she said, "that a child's play ought to be ordered with a view to its preparation for its adult life. Girls, of old, were taught to sew, to make fine stitches, such as they could put to practical use when they grew up. Now we feel that the eye strain and the nervous focus required by such a task are undesirable. And the tendency is to make play satisfying to the child's wants in its child life—to teach it to make itself at home and happy in the here and now—and to trust to that training to prepare it to care for itself equally well in the later stages of its experience."

Blocks, tools, lumber, papers and pencils and crayons, cloth and the raw materials of every art and craft are the ideal stuff for the ideal play as it is discerned in the light of the later studies of the child mind, as explained by the speaker. She illustrated point after point by actual toys and play materials.

Dolls that will come on smiling after a head-foremost fall to the sidewalk from the upper flat are to be preferred, for several reasons, to the kind that crack at a fall of the temperature, the teacher believes, in common with many fond fathers. The doctrine that play is the work of childhood, the vocation of little people from which they will turn, a little later, to other vocations, no more important in their day than the play seems in its time, pervaded the discourse, and gave to its summing up a dignity and consequence that was not lost on the listeners.

Stories About Santa Claus

We Wish You

A Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

Wm. Mouheimer, Clothier

COOKIE ST. NICKS

Dainties for the Kiddies of the Netherlands.

Little Shoes Are Set Outside of Each Door to Hold the Goodies and the Gifts.

IN SETTLEMENTS where the holidays are affected by the customs of the Netherlands it is not at Christmas time, but on Saint Nicholas Day—Dec. 6—that the children have their jolliest holiday. No stockings are hung, but little shoes are set outside each door for goodies and for gifts. The most important gift is the image of the good Saint Nick himself. It is generally hung to the door knob.

It is no plaster model or stuffed doll affair this Saint Nicholas—but a very large cookie dough representation, a sweet brown molasses mixture.

Wooden moulds used to stamp out these special and glorified gingerbread men are used but once a year, and the bakers take great pride in making them as elaborate and realistic as possible. Rows of hazel nuts often button up the great coat, and sometimes a border of trimming is set round the coat with raisins.

The Saint Nicks are eaten, but generally not until the very last. There are other Holland cookies quite as necessary for the gift shoe of a well-treated baby. Letters and lace cookies are the most important. Letters might be described as a sort of rich pastry tubing filled with the richest possible fruit and nut mixture, which nearly always, in the good old days, was flavored with a generous dash of brandy. This tubing is shaped into the form of capital letters, and every child expects to find at least the initial of his given name in the shoe. More fortunate children get their entire set of initials, and pampered kings get their whole names, at.

The lace cookies seem to hint a substitute for candy in its not and standard Dutch bon bon Nicholas shoe. They, thin and cookies at all but sparingly is tenscotch pattie with their name transparent.

the thing Christmas Cards —have records or ried for sale struck off in 1847. The not more than 1,000 were Today, millions are used.

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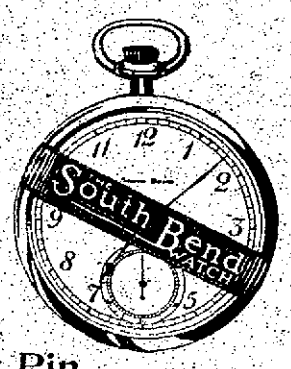

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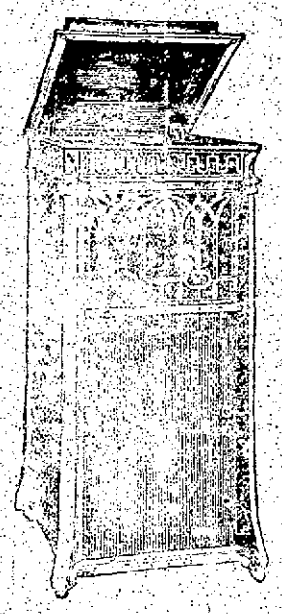

FOR HIM

Diamonds Gold Pencil
Dinner Ring Fountain Pen
Wrist Watches, Beauty Pin
La Valliers Bobetti Baretts
Pearl Necklace Rosaries
Bead Necklaces Mesh Bags
Brooches Cut Glass
Ear Drop Hand-Painted China
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COMMUNITY TREES

Public Celebration Is Gaining in Small Cities and Towns.

Plan, Affords More General Enjoyment and Observance of the Yule-tide Season.

THE Christmas tree has long been regarded the symbol of Christmas. Many families, especially where there are children, would feel that Christmas was incomplete without a tree decorated with tinsel and candles. However, writes A. H. Pulver in the American Agriculturist, a new idea in regard to such trees seems to be creeping in, and that is the community Christmas tree, which is set up outdoors or in a public building where all people, both rich and poor, can gather and enjoy it, and it seems that this tree more truly reflects the unselfish spirit of Christmas.

The movement in this beginning in New York city has regardless of its origin, it is spreading rapidly, especially in the small cities and towns, where it serves to bring all people together and to develop a community spirit. In one city the tree has become a recognized event, and each year a large Norway spruce sometimes 50 feet high is brought in the public square where it is set up and decorated with colored electric bulbs and other forms of decorations. For a few days preceding Christmas the bulbs are lighted each evening, and on the day before Christmas, and on the day before Christmas, and on the day before Christmas

We Thank You
for Your
Patronage
in the Past Year
and wish you a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

J. A. LINDHOLM

When other folks are wishing you
A bunch of Christmas Cheer,
Let us join the jolly chorus
With a fervent, glad
"Same Here!"

THE COLEGROVE GROCERY
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The Judge's Christmas Sentence

By F. H. Sweet

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The judge leaned forward a little, his face, which had been growing more severe through the trial, now very stern.

"Have you anything to say why I should not pronounce sentence—the severest under the law?" he shot out.

The prisoner moistened his lips.

"You and I went to school together, judge," he reminded, weakly.

The judge's face did not relax. He waited.

"And we—we—". The man quailed under the eyes fixed upon him, and did not end the sentence.

"You were about to say, loved the same girl," the judge finished. "You won her, and she died under your neglect and abuse. I think you started to say something without due thought. But we will let that pass and the school. You are up for this crime now, and we will judge you by it alone, unhampered. Have you anything to say beyond your lawyer's plea?"

"No," sullenly.

"You have defrauded women and children through the mail, stealing

"Have You Anything to Say?"

your name and going from postoffice to postoffice. So it has been impossible to locate the victims. You could not do it yourself, I suppose."

He took off his glasses, wiped them with his handkerchief, placed the handkerchief in his pocket and the

But he was strange. Then he looked severity was gone from his face. There was *a twinkle in his eyes.* The judicial voice was laid aside. There were those who criticized some of the *judge's judgments.* They were not orthodox. They took no account of precedents. They ignored Blackstone.

"Jack," he said, "I believe I shall have to help you."

"Wha—what—let me go, you mean, Tom?" *stammered* the prisoner, looking dazed.

"No, indeed," laughed the judge. "That wouldn't help you a bit, Jack. I was just thinking of the time at school, when you stole Billy Bobs's marbles. Accused of it, you grew sullen and abusive, ready to fight the whole school. Then Billy Bobs remembered it was near Christmas, and he told you it was all right about the marbles, as you would have won them from him anyway, and forced a whole handful more into your pocket and insisted on taking you over to his house for the Christmas dinner. Billy was a good sort.

"Well, it is Christmas time now, Jack—only three days ahead. And I was just thinking what a good chap you were for a whole year after the Billy Bobs episode—till your father got angry and beat you up.

"Pretty tough life you've had, Jack, I was thinking. Good for nothing father and shiftless mother and every kind of crooked teaching. Then you were a handsome boy, an exceedingly handsome young man, which is the worst kind of handicap one can start out with. And then, to cap the whole thing, an uncle left you $500 of badly tainted money. That sort of fixed you into a rut, for it riveted your energies into making more in the same way. Not many Billy Bobs dare broken through the even tenor of your life, Jack."

"What are you driving at, Tom?" growled the prisoner. "Are you acting like Billy Bobs, or just stringing me?"

"Billy Bobs, but with a thought to the thirty years intervening between Jack the boy and Jack the man. Let me see, you have gathered together, by devious ways, about $50,000."

"N-no, Tom, you're crazy!" ejaculated the prisoner, in a startled voice. "I haven't a thing except maybe a thousand or two from—this last job."

The judge looked at a slip of paper. "Fifty thousand, four hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars," he read, "and it's pretty close to the exact figures, Jack. Maybe you've got some small change in your pockets that was overlooked. And we know in just what banks most of the money is deposited and under what names, and where the rest of it is hidden. We've had you under close surveillance for some time, Jack, and lucky for you, for it shows me how I can be of real service."

"Huh! I can guess how," snarled the prisoner. "The boodle is going to be divided. What will be my share? I can't understand how you got track of it."

"Now, the first thing is to pronounce sentence," said the judge, rising slowly and putting on his judicial face. "After that we can talk."

He stood, looking down at the prisoner *for some moments, and then said:* "For the crimes of which you stand convicted, John Battey, I sentence you *to twenty years in our state penitentiary.*"

He paused, and the prisoner collapsed in a *ludicrous heap,* his eyes bulging.

"Tw—twenty years," he stuttered. "I—I thought—".

"But, in view of certain things in my mind," the judge went on, calmly, "I will suspend this sentence indefinitely, the length depending wholly on yourself. If you violate or fail to meet in any particular the terms I am about to propose, the sentence will immediately go into effect, and there will be no later mitigation. Now, I pronounce, as a provisional sentence, that you expend $1,000 of the money in doing Christmas work the coming week, commencing tomorrow. There are hundreds of ways of doing this, but, as you are new to the business, I might suggest going through department and other stores and studying the Christmas shoppers. There will be many with anxious faces, counting the few dimes or dollars they have to spend. Get in touch with the clerks so that, by a nod or look, you can make them understand they are to cut prices in half, or put in extra goods, and you meet the difference. Let the children, shuffling through the stores, with eager, hungry eyes, who appear to have no money, select something and you pay for it. Do the same for those whose faces are pressed against the windows outside. Talk with market men and have them send turkeys to [illegible] sufficient size. It [illegible] whether [illegible] or [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

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Old Santa Right on Time

The Christmas Tree

MAKE extra stockings for the tree from bits of old window curtains, red or green muslin or satin. Fill them with candies, popcorn or nuts. They may be cut over baby's stocking as a pattern and the children will enjoy sewing and stitching the edges with bits of yarn.

Strings of popcorn or cranberries make gay festoons for the tree and afford occupation for little fellows who will "get under foot" at this busy season.

Funny little dolls may be made from round-headed clothespins. Wind about four thicknesses of crepe paper around the pin for petticoats. Make a waist of the crepe paper, tying a baby ribbon around the "waist" for a sash. White paper bound over the top of the peg forms the face, over which another piece is drawn to form bonnet.

A few yards of tinsel cut into six or eight inch lengths may be combined with the smaller penny ornaments to make attractive decorations that sell for more.

Small boxes from the stores may be covered with Christmas paper, have two holes punched in them and ribbon handles fastened to them. These boxes, filled with candies help make the tree a gay sight.

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